



Cowbridge Waitrose plan takes another major step forward

THE opening of a Waitrose foodstore in Cowbridge is a step closer after the developers, RS Bird Ltd, lodged a full planning application with the Vale Council.

This means that the

plans will be circulated to local town councils, and interested parties will be asked to offer their comments in time for the meeting of the Vale Council planning committee which will consider the application.

Heather Brock of RS Bird told The GEM this week that the consulta-

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tion exercise that had been held last year had triggered a large number of responses, 94 per cent of which were in favour of the scheme.

She said that they had commissioned a series of reports in the light of those comments, and that the consultation had resulted in a number of changes, particularly in regard to landscaping the site.

Jeff Bird said: "This is a quality development, and our intention is to make it feel like driving into a park."

The entrance to the site will become a tree-lined 'boulevard' and particular attention will be paid to the river area,

which will be landscaped.

Residents who attended the consultation will, however, find one difference in the plans. A block of retail units, which were adjacent to the Waitrose, will now be much closer to the shops in Cowbridge High Street.

Existing buildings on the Birds' site that border the footpath which runs from Martins newsgents to Twt Park, will be demolished to make way for these retail units.

Jeff Bird reiterated that their aim was to enhance the town, and that a Waitrose foodstore would do just that.

He added: "Two recent studies have been done on the effect that a Waitrose can have on its area, in Kenilworth in

Warwickshire and in Meanwood in Leeds.

"In both cases, it showed that footfall in local shops went up by 25 per cent as a result of customers being attracted to the area."

The Waitrose director of development, Nigel Keen, said: "We are delighted to have taken another step forward in realising a long-standing ambition to open a Waitrose in Cowbridge."

"From the outset, we have been committed to delivering a store that can bring real, long-term benefits to the town, including a significant number of new jobs."

"We have taken our time, but we believe it was more important to ensure we put forward the best possible scheme for Cowbridge."



The Etherington brothers are appearing at the Book Festival

Book festival is for young people, too!

THE Cowbridge Book Festival is welcoming an array of well known writers in the next few weeks, but the younger generation have not been forgotten.

A children's programme is also being run throughout the festival.

It is an opportunity for parents to get their children interested in books, and meet the creative people behind them.

On Tuesday, May 17, at 4.30pm, the Etherington brothers will

present their comic book *Monkey Nuts - The Diamond egg of Wonders* at the United Free Church.

On Saturday, May 21, events move to the

Cowbridge Library.

At 10am, Sheena Crossley will talk to children about her book *Bats about Wales*.

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The 'Pink' Lion?

THE White Lion, Ystradowen (or should that be the Pink Lion?) has already sold 100 tickets for its 'royal wedding' event tomorrow, April 29, to raise funds for the Breast Cancer unit at Llandough Hospital.

Redecorated in pink for its charity campaign, the pub still has tickets available at £10 for the 'royal' event, which includes a barbecue, music from Off the Cuff, and other attractions.

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Film that gives an 'insight' into Barry

IWOULD like to congratulate local film maker and Barry Island resident Michael Moore, who has made an excellent film of Barry's proud history and its current facilities and attractions.

The film is an excellent snapshot of the town that I am very proud to call my home. As someone who has

only lived in Barry for the last eight years, the film gives a great insight of how Barry used to be.

I would urge local residents to purchase the film from either Marco's Café or the Harbour Arcade so that they can enjoy this excellent trip down memory lane. Coun Chris Elmore, Barry

Positive side of horse racing

ICANNOT agree with Dene Stansall's recent letter in The GEM on horse racing – it is easy to focus on the negatives of racing.

These horses owe their very existence to racing, having been bred and trained to race.

Without racing, there would be a huge decline in the breed; and as for the positives, these horses are cared for and loved by people connected with them.

Go to a racing stable and see how these horses are cared for, their welfare and health always a first priority.

If a horse does not want to race, it won't, but most horses do love racing and live a very good life.

CLOTHING BAGS FOR CHARITIES?

EACH week, we have bags pushed through our door asking to be filled with unwanted clothes for charity.

This week, we had four clothing bags for different charities (one would think we grow clothes in the garden!).

My question is, how much of the money that is collected goes to the charity mentioned on the bags?

For example, you have a person going around from door to door delivering the bags (wages to be found).

Then you have a van going around with the driver, plus an assistant –

involving fuel and maintenance of the vehicle (running costs).

Then comes the cost of printing the bags, with a majority ending up in the council recycling bins.

After it reaches its destination, someone has to sort out the clothes (wages to be found).

Where does the money come from to pay their wages and vehicle running costs?

How much is left for the charity mentioned on the bags?

I would be very interested in readers' comments on the subject.

Mr T Evans, Rhose

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BARRY: 'IT'S TIME FOR SOME FRESH THINKING'

HAVING been a reader of The GEM for many years, a constant repeating theme in letters to the Editor appears to be the conduct of the council, particularly in its decision-making processes relating to projects/developments/initiatives.

Whilst we are constantly being reassured that consultation and transparency are explicit, I am left wondering why so many Barry residents are left aggrieved and suspicious that their views are ignored, and the usual, 'we know best' attitude adopted by the council kills off any opposi-

tion. This appears to be a tactic which is becoming all too obvious.

Interestingly, the council chose not to comment about the Theatre Royal report in last week's GEM. Perhaps their view is that enough has been said, or we should just accept their wisdom in the matter and put it to rest.

Whilst the care facility planned by Hafod has great merit in its provision for the elderly, is there an overwhelming factor which prevents it being sited elsewhere?

I am certain we would all welcome an explanation.

With the loss of a cinema in Barry as a resort, yet another blow for tourism. The short-

sightedness of the council in recognising the asset we have in Barry is criminal. Is there a tourism/marketing strategy?

Unfortunately, there appears little evidence to suggest the wherewithal exists within the authority to address this.

Rather than continuing to be disappointed by very highly-paid senior officers and council members, who just seem intent on perpetuating what we already have, at times not that well – perhaps thought should be given to investing in outside consultation, where some fresh, creative and dynamic thinking could be applied to regenerating Barry to the resort town it once was.

Robert Taylor, Barry.

UKIP, and waste incinerators

MAY I be allowed to highlight a slight correction in Max Wallis's recent letter to your publication regarding the siting of waste incinerators in the heart of Barry?

Clearly Max's recollection of UKIP's support in opposing the siting of these incinerators does not extend to recalling the tramping round the streets of Barry by myself and UKIP colleague Carolyn Passey, collecting letters of opposition and petition signatures, in conjunction with campaign organiser Paul Arnold.

In addition, UKIP

Wales MEP John Bufton wrote several letters to chair of planning Coun Jeff James objecting to the incinerators proposals during the planning process.

Throw into the mix that our UKIP councillor Jock Greer and his assistant, Kerry Thomas, are leading the fight against the monstrous Covanta waste incinerator intended to further blight the living conditions of the long suffering residents of Merthyr and surrounding areas – and I feel that UKIP has more than demonstrated its opposition to the granting of planning permission for these hazards to human health.

I know that many of us have come to greatly appreciate Max's huge efforts on all our behalf; but it does seem a little odd that he should have made such an obvious mistake in suggesting that UKIP, as the only major political party in Wales to publicly oppose the urban siting of waste incinerators, has been less than diligent in demonstrating

that opposition in the face of the Welsh Assembly's stated policy of pushing their construction through.

I would like to urge that all the political parties previously represented in Cardiff Bay, who have all, supported the implementation construction of the waste incinerators policy now follow UKIP's lead in reversing their previous support.

Thank you for the opportunity in allowing me to set the record straight on this subject.

Kevin Mahoney, Barry.

Site already earmarked?

WASN'T it amazing how quickly Miles Punter (head of visible services for the Vale Council) dismissed the possibility of turning the old Buffs Club into a car park – which is much needed in the Broad Street/High Street area of Barry (The GEM, April 14).

Could it be that the site has already been earmarked for another

'Express supermarket' that seem to be popping up all over the place, that despite public opposition, the planning committee in the Vale welcome with open arms.

Come on, the Vale, it's about time that you started to support your existing rate-paying businesses, and not encourage outsiders into the town.

Mr D James, Barry

Rotary's thanks

IAM writing to express the appreciation of the Cowbridge Rotary Club for the generosity shown by members of the local community in supporting our recent street collection in aid of Ty Hafan.

We were able to raise the amount of £515 to help with the valuable work carried out by this local charity. A very warm thank you to all who contributed.

David Pierce (On behalf of Cowbridge Rotary Club)

School crossing u-turn welcome

IWAS glad to hear the news that the Vale Council has reinstated the contracts of the school crossing patrol officer in Cadoxton, Dinas Powys and Penarth, at least until a safety audit has been carried out.

This may also allow alternative arrangements to be put in place by the schools concerned if they are not to be retained.

At last the Tory-controlled council has seen sense and made a u-turn and put children's safety before their previous intransigent attitude, when they refused to do anything at all to allay the fears of the parents and governors of the schools concerned.

I found the attitude of the council cabinet unacceptable, especially as there were no other alternatives put in place.

It was even more annoying when the cabinet member claimed that they would place mobile school crossing patrol officers at the schools, while knowing they did not have enough officers to carry out that job.

The excuse was they would advertise for mobile patrol officers, but the reality is that they have subsequently been unable to appoint any new ones.

The other issue never properly answered was why were mobile officers required if they were axing those in place?

Why weren't the permanent ones retained? Perhaps it was something to do with the age of the officers, as has been suggested by others who have written to the press.

I only hope that this can be resolved permanently and the safety of the children assured.

Neil Moore (Labour councillor for Cadoxton ward, Barry)

Lost chance for 'hub of culture'

IT was with a sense of sadness that I read that the Barry cinema battle had finally been lost.

Gone forever is the unique opportunity to create a combined cinema-arts & heritage centre at the site; a vision that was supported by many Barrians and local politicians.

This decision makes me fearful for what may become of the Barry Waterfront; an area both steeped in history and town regeneration potential.

I read with interest that the Barry cinema site will now become an 'Extra Care Facility', costing £7m and funded mainly by the Welsh Assembly Government.

One would hope that money can so easily be found to develop a community focused cinema-arts & heritage Centre as part of the Barry town regeneration.

I'm sure that a fraction of this kind of money would transform

the Pumping House from an empty shell into a facility of which to be proud.

Such a facility could be a hub of culture and heritage within the town and not only be comparable, but actually draw people to Barry from places such as Chapter Arts and the 'Armado' in Cardiff Bay.

The fight for Barry's now lost cinema is just one of many battles being waged behind the scenes from groups intent on making Barry a better place to live, with leisure facilities that will make the most of the town's assets.

I'm sure that it's not only myself who hopes that the elections deliver us politicians with the will and drive to make such a dream of a community focused cinema-arts & heritage Centre on the Waterfront a reality.

Ade Pitman (Chairman, Vale Heritage Centre Coalition)

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 5)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
28 Thur	04.51	7.9	17.22	7.9
29 Fri	05.45	8.2	18.11	8.4
30 Sat	06.29	8.5	18.47	8.6
01 Sun	07.08	8.8	19.27	9.1
02 Mon	07.47	9.2	20.02	9.3
03 Tues	08.19	9.3	20.34	9.4
04 Wed	08.53	9.3	21.09	9.5
05 Thur	09.26	9.2	21.41	9.4

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The Passion in Cowbridge is a reminder that Easter stands for more than eggs!



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WHEN Churches Together in Cowbridge planned to stage their own Passion Play this Easter, they probably had no idea that Hollywood star Michael Sheen would be putting on an extravaganza just 18 miles away in Port Talbot!

Nevertheless, Cowbridge's Good Friday offering attracted a full house to the two performances in Holy Cross Church.

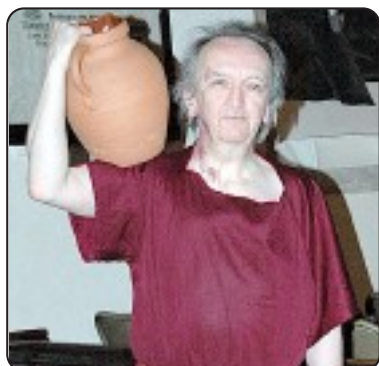
Kate Hibbert reported: "As Jesus (played by Dale Gooding) hung on the cross, it was possible to hear a pin drop. Comments made as people left the church were very positive, and it was a moving experience for everyone involved, actors and audience alike."

"The play portrayed the Passion of Christ; his trial, suffering, death and resurrection – the Easter story – as most of us know it."

"The cast included more than 20 volunteers from local churches, who began rehearsing last February. All of the costumes, apart from the centurions, were hand made by volunteers under the direction of wardrobe mistress Jennifer Kennedy."

Director Shawn Llotd said: "Everyone grew into their roles and they developed into a company of actors."

After costs and donations, all proceeds from the productions will be donated to the Bridgend Food Bank.



Investigation launched after pub landlord is assaulted

AN investigation has been launched by Vale police following an assault on the landlord of the Old White Hart public house in Llantwit Major on April 20.

Officers are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

The incident happened in the early hours of the morning on April 20.

The victim was Mr Graham Morgan.

A police spokesman said: "We are currently investigating an assault on a 67-year-old man which happened at around 1am at the White Hart pub on Wednesday, April 20."

"Anyone who was at the pub between 10.30pm on Tuesday, April 19 and 1am on Wednesday, April 20, should contact the police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

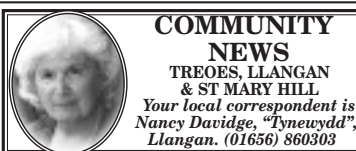
A page on Facebook, including a photograph, has been devoted to Mr Morgan.

People have left comments such as ... "I was so shocked"... "Hope you are back to full health and strength soon" and... "You have my support buddy, even though we are in Canada".

Mr Morgan has replied: "Just to thank you all for your best wishes and support. Very much appreciated."



ABOVE: Mr Graham Morgan.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Easter service

THIS year's Easter Service at Saron Chapel, Treoes, was well attended, especially in view of the fact that many had attended the 5am service at St Mary Hill Church on the same day.

Reminder

A REMINDER that the concert at Treoes Community Hall by the Belosie Blue Brothers will take place on Friday, April 29, at 7.30pm.

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A CENTRE OF CRICKETING EXCELLENCE - COWBRIDGE SPORTS HALL IS OPENED



COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School is set to become a centre of local cricketing excellence following the official opening of its sports hall on April 12.

Robert Croft, the Glamorgan and England cricketer, supported by Ben Wright and Alex Jones, also of Glamorgan CCC, opened the new facility.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced that the school had been awarded a grant as part of its cricket development programme in Wales.

The grant of £36,382 is towards the development of a two bay cricket practice area in the sports hall, and also included is the provision of a synthetic match play pitch on the school playing field.

The investment is part of the Cricket Wales and the ECB's national strategy running from 2009-2013 which aims to increase the number of people playing the sport, and support those with talent.

The school has been identified by Cricket Wales and by the ECB as a 'school of strategic and developmental importance'.

The school's former head of physical education, Hugh Williams, who recently retired after 39 years at the school, and was also the project manager for cricket development in the sports hall, explained: "We were delighted when we received the grant award and we have been pleased to work with the ECB on the project."

"The new cricket facility in the sports hall has been developed in accordance with ECB specifications and the quality of the lighting and the whole practice area is excellent."

"The provision of this top class facility will mean that Cowbridge School will be the focus of cricket development in this area of Wales."

"We aim to increase the amount of cricket played by the school teams - boys and girls. We currently have six teams at the school including a girls' team and the facility will also be available to local clubs and their junior cricketers."

Mr Williams added: "We are grateful to the England and Wales Cricket Board for their generous grant and we also acknowledge with gratitude the partnership funding provided by the Sir Thomas Mansell Franklyn Trust. The total project cost was approximately £48,000."

Peter Hybart, the director of cricket for Cricket Wales, said: "We are really pleased with the partnership arrangement between the England and Wales Cricket Board, Cricket Wales, Cowbridge Comprehensive School and the Sir Thomas Mansell Franklyn Trust as this enabled us to secure the grant which will provide cricket opportunities for the pupils at the school and also local clubs."

"Four clubs in the area, Cowbridge CC, Vale CC, Llantwit Major Cavaliers CC and Sully Centurions CC will use the facilities and all the clubs have active junior development programmes."

"The clubs will be able to use the net facilities in the evenings and at weekends and Cowbridge CC will also have use of the synthetic match play pitch on the school playing fields."

Bruce Cruse, the ECB's national funding and facilities manager said the local partnership would

boost grass roots cricket in the Vale.

"The improved practice and coaching facilities will obviously help the development of cricket at the school and in the Vale. I am confident as the investment matures, cricket locally will go from strength to strength and the school's cricket and sports facilities will benefit the community generally."



ABOVE: Robert Croft (left) and former Cowbridge pupil Ben Wright.

Plenty to do at book festival

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She will talk about the natural history of bats and enthrall youngsters with the adventures of Bobi "the youngest bat in Wales".

At 11.30am there will be a fun event for the under-7s when Lucy M. George will talk about 'The Back to School Tortoise'.

Lucy M. George is the pen name of local author Lucy Cuthew.

At 2.30pm, there's a tale for the eight-to-11 age group. The former *Really Wild Show* presenter Nicola Davies will present her animal adventure story 'A Girl Called Dog', a quirky tale of friendship and belonging.

The children's programme concludes on Sunday, May 22, at 2pm at Cowbridge United Free Church.

Mark Brake and Jon Chase will present their interactive solar-system event 'Really, REALLY Big Questions about Space and Time'.

It is billed as "a cool way to open children's minds, train their brains and get them thinking".

Jon Chase is dubbed the 'science rapper' and the duo were a huge success at the Cheltenham Festival last year.

The main aim of the festival is to raise funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

It kicks off officially at Old Hall in the town on Friday, May 6, when former football international Geoff Thomas will make the first author presentation of his book *Riding through the Storm*.

Tickets for all events are available from Stella Cheeseman (01446 774827) Ron O'Leary (01446 774986) and David Barnes (dry cleaners) 35 High Street, Cowbridge and at Old Hall, Cowbridge.

There are more details available at <http://cowbridgebookfestival.co.uk> and a full program of events is available at libraries and various shops in the area.

Members fit in a busy schedule!

THE monthly meeting of Bont Faen WI took place on April 21 in the Lesser Hall when the speaker, Mrs Wendy Collie from Bella's Lingerie, gave an informative and amusing talk on the 'correct fit'.

She concluded that only one person in the room was wearing the correct fit - herself! We will all be much better informed when we purchase in the future.

After a pause for refreshments, members concluded with the business meeting. The federation newsletter was circulated and members were encouraged to apply to attend various events.

BONT FAEN WI

The craft group will be meeting on May 9, 10am-12noon.

The tour of Waitrose was well attended and the 'free samples' greatly enjoyed.

Over the next few months, members will be visiting Fommon Castle, and walking around Cowbridge, concluding at a local hostelry, and undertaking their summer mystery outing.

The next meeting will be on May 19 when the Resolutions will be debated and voted upon. This will be followed by cheese and wine and the opportunity to donate/purchase plants. Non-members welcome to attend. JJ

The Cowbridge male voice choir prepares for its annual concert

TWO recent engagements have given the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir the opportunity to hone their performance of a wide range of new additions to their repertoire in preparation for their forthcoming annual concert on Saturday, May 14.

The first of these was a charity fundraiser in aid of the Royal British Legion in Calne, Wiltshire.

A week later, the choir sang for a convention of the Rolls Royce and Bentley Enthusiasts Club at the Newport Hilton Hotel.

This year the guest soloist for the annual concert will be the operatic baritone Gavin Davies.

As usual, the venue will be the Cowbridge Leisure Centre and the concert starts at 7pm.

Tickets (price £8) are on sale in Cowbridge (David Barnes Cleaners, Sorrento Furnishers, Leisure Centre), Llantwit Major (Gwyneth Morgan Optometrist) and Pontyclun (Charity Shop).

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ABOVE: Friends and family welcome Meyrick O'Connor to the Bear on his 101st birthday. (Photograph by Mike Wilcock – telephone 01446 774502).

Meyrick moves on to 101 not out!

ONE Cowbridge tradition that people can rely on is that as lunchtime approaches, Meyrick O'Connor will leave his home in Longmeadow Court and head off to his reserved table at the Bear Hotel!

Nothing stops him making the trip and last week, on his 101st birthday, it was no exception.

The only difference was that a number of friends and family were

waiting there to wish him a happy birthday.

Despite his advanced age, Meyrick remains very active with a daily trip on his zimmer frame to his favourite table at The Bear, where he is always welcomed warmly.

He told The GEM: "I had my first pint with my father there when I was 14, and I've been a regular ever since."

Meyrick was born on April 19, 1910, to Cornelius O'Connor and Elizabeth Jane O'Connor (nee Thomas) and was

one of 12 children – there were eight brothers and four sisters.

Meyrick has had to make a few adjustments recently, as he used to stop off occasionally to place a small bet – something that is not so straightforward now that the local bookies have closed.

However, he still finds a way to back a sure thing, and he was happily brandishing his latest winnings!



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Music treat

MUSIC in the Vale is a charitable organisation that encourages excellence and enjoyment in the performance of vocal and instrumental music among young people.

Patrons are operatic singers Rebecca Evans and Owain Arwel Hughes and there is a competition each November while concerts are put on concerts

during the year to raise funds.

On May 9, there is a 'Musical Evening' with performances by Rebecca Evans, WNO musicians and 'Music in the Vale' Young finalists, at Coedardhydyglyn, St Nicholas, by kind permission of Rhodri and Annabelle Traherne.

There will be Champagne and canapés and the evening will run from 7pm-9pm. Tickets available from Sheelagh Lewis on 01446 781002.

Llancarfan Society

THE May Day walk will take place on Monday, May 2.

Please assemble at the Llancarfan Village Hall at 10.15am for coffee/tea and possible car sharing.

The walk will take place, around the 'Goldsland Woods' between Wenvoe and Dyffryn.

There are excellent scenic views and an archaeologist will guide the walk to the site of a Roman enclosure and caves used in pre-historic times, where both human and animal bones have been found, together with Neolithic pottery and flint work.

The walk commences at 11am and is about 1.5 miles of easy yet rewarding walking. Dogs may join in, but must be kept on the lead at all times.

Play group hits the trail in big Easter egg hunt!



ABOVE:

"This Easter hunt is not an eggs-act science..."

COLWINSTON play group children celebrated Easter with an afternoon of fun and games on their last day of term.

Parents and siblings came along to join an egg hunt in the grounds of Colwinston village hall and see the wonderful work done by teachers and pupils to create a charming garden and play area in the heart of the picturesque village.

First up was a tasty picnic and cake sale which provided plenty of energy on the trail.

Pathways, lawn seats and every nook and cranny were scattered with chocolate treats all the way to the children's delightful garden.

Play group leader Sarah Wiggan, said: "It was a wonderful afternoon for the children and lovely for the parents to see our nature work."

"The children love to be outdoors so it was fantastic to have some nice weather for our Easter hunt."

"We were all exhausted by going home time!"



FREE CONCERT

THE Rotary Club of Llantwit Major will be hosting a pensioners' concert in Llantwit Major Comprehensive School on Saturday, May 7, at 7.30pm.

The club welcomes back the Cwm Garw Male Voice Choir, who have been entertaining audiences at this annual event for many years.

Admittance is free and tickets can be obtained in Llantwit Major from Cloggs Footwear and Gwyneth Morgan Optometrist.

Georgia's winning Easter bonnet!

Georgia Grace Axtell (two years old on April 30) of Cowbridge, was entered in an Easter bonnet competition at Hobbycraft Ltd in Cardiff on Good Friday.

Georgia (right) won the first prize of £25. "She loved the competition and wowed the judges with her sense of fun during the proceedings," said proud grandad, Mr R Pritchard.



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North-South challenge is to raise funds for new gym equipment at the Ashgrove

A staff member at Ashgrove school in Penarth, which provides help for children with autism, will cycle from north to south Wales in the next few days to raise funds for sports equipment.

Cerys Marshall, aged 24, will have completed 250 miles in just five days when she pedals into Cardiff on May 3.

She said: "The charity cycle ride starts in Holyhead tomorrow, April 29, although we're catching a train up early

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in the morning from Cardiff first.

"We then meet the support van to unload bikes and set off for Caernarfon for the first 38 mile leg."

The group of cyclists consists of 14 men and three women, most of whom are raising for Ysgol Treganna/Tan Yr Eos in Cardiff.

Cerys explained: "I chose to support Ashgrove school.

"Sponsorship will go towards the cost of new play and sports equipment, and to purchase

new exercise machines for the school gym.

"The gym has been a success with pupils – but could do with a few added extras to give pupils the best opportunities!"

"I am passionate about play and exercise, and hope the money I raise will maximise the PE provision at the school!"

"I have bought a hybrid bike which has been fab on practice routes, especially on tough hills and long climbs, and I have been training hard in my spare time. My legs feel conditioned and ready to pedal!"

"I've even worked with a personal trainer to boost my fitness."

In the last couple of months, Cerys has completed three gym sessions a week and long

distance cycle rides from Canton to Caerphilly mountain and back.

She is currently a learning support assistant at Ashgrove School and is due to go on a teacher training course later this year.

The last four legs of Cerys's north-south challenge are all longer than the first day.

Day 2 is Caernarfon to Dolgellau – 60 miles.

Day 3 is Dolgellau to Llanidloes – 39 miles

Day 4, Llanidloes to Brecon, is the longest leg at 64 miles.

The final leg from Brecon to Cardiff is 54 miles.

Cerys has already raised £545, but has set herself an ambitious target of £2,000.

If people would like to support her, and a worthwhile cause, they can go to: www.justgiving.com/cerysmarshall.



Cerys Marshall taking a break during her hectic training routine.

IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT BARRY COMPREHENSIVE

Dodgeball champions of the Vale crowned



Barry Male Voice Choir and Barry Comprehensive School Choir on stage.

THE fourth annual Vale 5x60 Dodgeball Competition took place recently at Barry Comprehensive School sports hall.

There were separate boys and girls competitions for the year-7 and year-8 pupils selected by their 5x60 officers from across the Vale.

Teams from Barry Comprehensive School, Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, Stanwell Comprehensive School, St Cyres Comprehensive School, St Richard Gwyn RC Comprehensive School and Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg took part.

In the boys' competition, Barry Comprehensive retained the winners' trophy, after last years success, beating St Cyres in a dramatic final.

The final finished 2-1, with James Scott (8BJ) throwing the winning dodgeball in a 1v1 situation to clinch the trophy.

In the girls' competition, St Cyres beat their

close neighbours Stanwell in the final to be crowned Vale Dodgeball Champions for the first time.

Thank you to all who took part in this enjoyable and successful event. AC

BARRY Comprehensive School was very proud to present a groundbreaking inter-generational gala musical performance to a full house on Wednesday, April 6.

This unique event combined the talents of the Barry Male Voice Choir (average age 73) and the school choir, along with a range of supporting artistes.

The bill included everything from the classical Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker', to the traditional 'Men of Harlech', to songs from the shows and even Michael Jackson!

In addition to providing the audience with a wonderful evening's entertainment, it is hoped the concert will inspire more young people to join the Barry Male Voice Choir.

Gareth Roberts, chairman of the Barry Male Voice Choir, commented: "We are trying to recruit, as we need younger members."



The Vale Dodgeball Champions from St Cyres Comprehensive School (above) and Barry Comprehensive School (below).



Schools' gold star success

SCHOOLS in the Vale have been awarded a gold star for their high standards in PE.

Sport Wales and the Association for Physical Education (afPE) is recognising Gwenfö Cŵ Primary School, Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, Wick and Marcross Cŵ Primary School and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School who are putting PE to the top of the agenda.

ActiveMarc Cymru recognises schools that are committed to developing high quality physical education and school sport and to promoting the benefits of physical activity.

Chair of Sport Wales, Professor Laura McAllister, said: "We believe that schools play an essential role in building a Wales in which children are hooked on sport for life."

Roadworks report

Thompson Street, Barry – temporary traffic control.
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Vale tourist industry basks in the glow of an Easter break

THE Vale tourist industry experienced one of its most successful Easter weekends in living memory.

From Penarth cliff-tops to Cosmeston, and on to Barry Island and Llantwit Major, large crowds made the most of the four-day break.

The fine weather provided the perfect backdrop for people to visit the beaches, country parks and the countryside.

Barry Island trader Marco Zeraschi, whose cafe on the promenade became world famous, thanks to the *Gavin and Stacey* TV show, told The GEM it would be hard to ever beat Easter 2011.

"It was close to perfection, and a chance for mums, dads and children to enjoy the official start to our holiday season."



Over the weekend all roads led to Barry Island, where day trippers were given a family friendly welcome by local traders like Marco Zeraschi - pictured with Pironi, his four-legged friend!

"I'd estimate that there were at least 100,000 visitors over the Easter period."

"The organisation of the Island, from the Vale Council's cleansing department, to the police and Arriva Trains, is now so good."

"For example, if there is litter on the beach late in the evening, by the next morning it's as if a magic wand has been waved because the cleansing department has done such a good job."

Marco added that with car parking issues being sorted out and the police enforcing 'alcohol-free zones', there had been a return to the "traditional family atmosphere" of the Island.

HISTORIC CUTTERS IN VALE RACE

THE largest-ever fleet of historic Bristol Channel pilot cutters is coming to Barry Yacht Club over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 7-8.

The eight boats are up to 100 years old, 50ft high and 80ft long, and will recreate the glory years of pilot channel racing, where they competed to get to incoming ships first to offer their services.

Vessels will be coming from as far away as Scotland and Falmouth especially for the event. Among the fleet is *Edith*

Grey a new-build pilot cutter from Bristol, *Mischief*, a copy of HW Tilman - the famous explorer's boat with its bright yellow hull, and *The Mascot*, the largest-ever Channel pilot boat.

The cutter race will start at 10am on Saturday, May 7, when the boats will race down the Channel past Ilfracombe to Swansea, before returning to Barry the next day.

Roger Donkin, race officer and organiser at Barry Yacht Club, said: "These are majestic, beautiful boats sailing the Channel. It will be the largest-ever gathering of these boats in Wales."

Pensioners' update on post office



Pensioners' Easter bonnet parade winner and bonnet maker Margaret Wallis and Margaret Deary are congratulated by Jane Hutt.

WICK Pensioners Group has met to hear an update on Jane Hutt's representations to the Post Office over re-opening this vital service.

Ms Hutt, who also judged the Easter bonnet parade, commented: "I am supporting the Wick community to secure a Post Office service, preferably in the shop which has served the village for decades. I have made representations to the Post Office and the Minister responsible for Post Office services."

"I know there is a commitment to provide a Post Office service in Wick and I am meeting the Post Office with the Wick pensioners to discuss a way forward."

Benefits help for elderly

ELDERLY people struggling to pay their bills are being offered benefits help by the Age Concern Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan charity. Telephone 029 2056 7883 for full details.

PACT meetings

CADOC PACT, Palmerston Community & Learning Centre, Cadoc Crescent, Barry, May 4 at 7pm.

ST NICHOLAS and BONVILSTON Community Council Meeting, May 3 at Trehill Hall, St Nicholas at 7.30pm.

TWYN-YR-ODYN Coffee & Chat meeting, Horse & Jockey public house, May 4 at 11am.

ST ATHAN PACT public meeting, Old School Building, May 10, at

7.30pm.

PENLLYN Coffee & Chat meeting, Red Fox Public House, May 11 at 11am.

LLANDOUGH PACT public meeting, Llandough Memorial Hall, May 9 at 7pm.

STANWELL PACT public meeting, Elfed Avenue United Church, May 10 at 7pm.

CORNERWELL PACT public meeting, Penarth Leisure Centre, May 12 at 7pm.

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COUNTDOWN TO THE COUNT...

Candidates prepare for one last push in Assembly election battle in the Vale

CAMPAIGNING for the Assembly elections on May 5 moves into its final week today, and The GEM asked the four Vale candidates for their thoughts on how things were going so far.

In a seat which is generally regarded as a two-horse race, Labour's Jane Hutt is defending a slim majority over the Conservatives.

In 2007, the present Vale Council Leader, Coun Gordon Kemp, finished just 83 votes behind.

That year, Jane Hutt polled 11,515, compared to Coun Kemp's 11,432. Plaid Cymru were third on 4,671, with the Lib-Dems fourth on 3,758.

Also in the mix in 2007 was UKIP, for whom Kevin Mahoney polled 2,310. This year, Mr Mahoney is standing as a UKIP regional candidate.

One imponderable this time around is where those UKIP votes will go in the Vale.

The four contenders are: Jane Hutt (Labour); Angela Jones-Evans (Conservative); Dr Ian Johnson (Plaid Cymru) and Damien Chick (Lib-Dem).

Not surprisingly, all the candidates felt their campaigns were going well, and were keen to praise all those who were working enthusiastically for them.

The GEM asked which issues were attracting the most attention 'on the doorstep' – and found Jane Hutt and Ian Johnson almost word for word on this one, citing "jobs and the economy" as the big talking point.

For Angela Jones-Evans, the big issues varied from place to place. She cited tourism and the

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loss of the town's cinema in Barry, and said that Rhose residents were concerned about the airport. In the western Vale, among other worries, residents were worried about drilling for gas.

Damien Chick, the Lib-Dem candidate, told The GEM that he had found that the main issue on the doorstep had been the failure of the Labour-Plaid coalition in the Assembly to make good on their election promises.

No matter how much planning, polling and market research that parties do, there is always one issue that catches the politicians by surprise, so The GEM asked the candidates what subject had crept up on the blind side.

Ian Johnson said that he was surprised by the strength of feeling among voters about wanting more local control.

He said: "I've found that the biggest source of frustration has been when decisions have been taken out of local people's hands – such as the cinema or the incinerators on Barry Dock – and there is no way of changing it for the benefit of the community."

Jane Hutt also reported that this year, matters close to home have been generating a great deal of heat.

She said: "Local issues have come to the forefront, such as the threat of gas drilling in Llandow and the loss of the cinema in Barry."

Angela Jones-Evans, however, reported that another issue was high on the agenda. She said: "I have been surprised – in a positive way – by the overwhelming strength of feeling against AV (the

Alternative Vote) in the constituency. I am the only Assembly candidate for the Vale who is opposed to this complicated fudge of a voting system."

Damien Chick said that he was also surprised (again in a good way) by the readiness of voters to engage with Lib-Dem policies.

The GEM also asked if the final fortnight of campaigning was being disrupted by the number of bank holidays – two over the Easter weekend, and another two this coming Friday and Monday.

The candidates, it seemed, were all keen to accentuate the positive. Jane Hutt commented: "The bank holidays affect all political party campaigning – but they do provide an opportunity to share in festivities and celebrations."

Angela Jones-Evans said: "We have made a point of trying not to disturb people on Sundays and during the bank holidays, and have thoroughly enjoyed campaigning in this glorious weather, which has provided such a welcome boost for local tourism."

Ian Johnson said: "I feel the bank holidays interrupted the national campaign far more than anything locally."

"With the weather having been so good last weekend, and hopefully this weekend as well, it actually provides different opportunities to get out there and meet voters in the sunshine, down at the park or on the beach, rather than just the traditional meeting on the doorstep."

It was the same for Damien Chick, who felt that the holidays had not disrupted the campaign, but had been a good way to get out and meet the electorate, and that the good weather had been a bonus.

Gas test drilling approved

THE go-ahead has been given for test drilling for shale gas to take place at an old colliery site.

Bridgend planners have agreed to grant consent to UK Methane Ltd of Bridgend to drill and test the numarian shale and other strata at the site of the former St John's Colliery at Cwmdru, Maesteg.

The aim is to see if it is viable to extract the methane, or shale gas, as a clean energy source.

The drilling will go down to about 2,500 feet and samples will be tested on site and also in Aberdeen. After completion, the borehole will be filled with a concrete plug.

The operation will take about 14 weeks in total. Once drilling commences, the work will go on 24/7 – apart from bank holidays.

The Environment Agency has been consulted and has raised no objections.

However, objections were lodged by neighbouring farmers concerned about possible pollution to their wells and water sources plus fears about noise, traffic hazards and wear and tear on the roads.

Council officers recommended granting consent because the development complied with council policy and would not significantly harm neighbours' amenities so as to warrant refusal.



ABOVE: The four successful choristers with musical director James Bull. (Photograph by Ian Dixon).

St Peter's choristers scoop four medals!

THE church choir at St Peter's Church in Peterston-super-Ely are celebrating after four choristers were recently awarded medals by the Royal School of Church Music.

The director of music at St Peter's Church Choir, James Bull, told The GEM that the examination demanded high levels of musicianship and that he was delighted with the success of his students.

The choristers are Alex Powell, Harriet Cuddihy, Delyth Hurley and Paige Sherreard.



ABOVE: The Royal School of Church Music medal.

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF

LLANTWIT Major Town Council has approved the use of town study funds of £7,303 towards the Boverton Road regeneration scheme.

Councillors have given retrospective consent for the move.

UPGRADE
Llantwit Town Council is to seek quotations for upgrading the Boys Brigade Room at the Old School, and also for the installation of a toilet in the middle section of the building.

Both schemes will come back before the council for consideration as an application to the Vale's CASH grant scheme.

ENERGY EFFICIENT

The council is to look into a scheme whereby they could get a loan to make council buildings more energy efficient.

This government project is geared towards the public sector. Money borrowed has to be paid back within six years.

Coun Sally Bagstaff said that the council should see if it could save fuel costs and she suggested converting from oil to gas in the old school, insulating the Town Hall and the Llantonian Hall, and fitting thermostats on radiators.

Coun Bagstaff will work with council staff to produce the information needed.

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PENARTH FATHER DIES IN M4 HARD SHOULDER CRASH

A PENARTH man died on Easter Monday after a collision on the hard shoulder of the M4 near Pencoed.

The incident took place shortly before 7.30pm and the family of Richard Cox, aged 38, has paid tribute to him.

Mr Cox was attending a breakdown on the hard shoulder of the M4 motorway between junction 35 (Pencoed) and junction 36 (Sarn) when he was fatally injured as a result of a collision involving a white Fiat camper van, a red and grey Volvo articulated tanker and a white, green and red Isuzu recovery vehicle.

Mr Cox was a Dragon Recovery breakdown driver and lived in Penarth with his wife Louisa, three-year-old daughter Caitlin, and 15-year-old stepson Dean.

Paying tribute to Richard, Louisa said: "Rich was a devoted



ABOVE: Mr Richard Cox, who died in an incident on the M4 on Easter Monday.

husband to me and a fantastic father to Dean and Caitlin.

"He was a wonderful son, brother and grandson. His death will leave a void in the lives of all who knew him."

South Wales Police are continuing to appeal for any witnesses to contact them. The road was busy at the time of the collision.

The Police would like to speak to any person who witnessed the collision or who stopped to provide assistance, or anyone who may have seen the vehicles being driven prior to the collision and who have not yet given their details.

The road was closed for approximately five hours while police carried out a forensic collision investigation, initial investigations and recovered the vehicles.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the South Wales Police Roads Policing Unit in Gwaellod-y-Garth on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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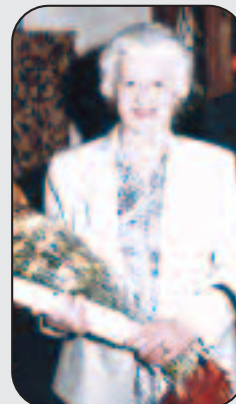
MRS GWYNETH NEWMAN (aged 89 years)

FAMILY, friends and neighbours attended the funeral of Mrs Gwyneth Newman, which took place at the Mid Glamorgan Crematorium, Coychurch, on April 19.

Born in the Rhondda area of Cefn Coed, Gwyneth often spoke of an unhappy childhood that followed the trauma of losing her mother when she was just 10 years old.

Gwyneth began work at the age of 15 at a mother and baby home in Porthcawl, eventually moving to the Red Farm, Llangan, where fate would take a hand and where she eventually met her future husband Gwyn.

They were married in St Mary Hill church in 1942 and moved into their house in 1949 where they lived through all the happy and sad times.



Gwyneth became like an angel of mercy: when any villagers in Llangan and St Mary Hill needed help, it was invariably Gwyneth who volunteered to go to their aid.

Gwyneth and her husband Gwyn were well known, as Gwyn was a member of the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir for many years. They were both keen gardeners and won many awards during their competitive years.

Sadly, Gwyneth had lived her final years in a nursing home at Bridgend, but her home which held so many happy memories, will remain in her family.

Our thoughts at this unhappy time are with Shirley and Joyce, her devoted son, Wyn, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to Gwyneth's son-in-law Paul, for the moving tribute at the service, and to the officiating minister, Pastor Colin Thomas.

NANCY DAVIDGE

Donations in memory of Gwyneth can be made to the Stroke Appeal c/o Mr Paul Thomas, 64 Ael-y-Bryn, North Cornelly, CF33 4NT.

Local school celebrates an investors in families award



ALL Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Barry, which was recently assessed for the Investors in Families award, has achieved a certificate of accreditation and a letter of congratulations from director, Chris Waterman.

The award recognises the school's collective commitment to engage in a real and meaningful way with wellbeing and support for pupils and their families.

Headteacher Richard Ware thanked teacher Mrs Liz Martin for her hard work as team leader for Investors in Families and for co-ordinating the assessment visit and thanked all the staff for the many additional activities and initiatives which have helped achieve the award.

Mr Ware said: "As a school, we are very proud of

our open door policy and our close links with families, the parish and the local community. It is lovely to have that commitment recognised through the Investors in Families Award." **NM**

Welsh St Donats 'royal command' is not quite what it appears!

PARISHIONERS in Welsh St Donats could have been forgiven for thinking they had been particularly favoured in the week of the royal wedding when the parish magazine announced an invitation from the Queen...

The April edition of the magazine declared: "The Lord Chamberlain is commanded to invite parishioners to afternoon tea and champagne at the community hall on April 29 at 3.30pm."

The announcement went on to say that the tea and champagne event was £10 for adults and £4 for children. Someone flagged up

the event to The GEM, querying what the royal connection was with Welsh St Donats.

Was it a late April Fools' joke or not?

It transpires that the event is genuine, but the royal connection was rather more difficult to establish.

Step forward Rev Edwin Counsell, who had the explanation for the grand invitation by the Lord Chamberlain.

"I think it is a case of someone having a bit of fun on the computer and writing the invitation in the style of a royal wedding invite."

"Although I am not able to attend myself, it is great there are events like this on the day - it's a chance for people to get together and have a good time."

Easter Bunny is a hit in the parade!

THE Easter Bunny visited The Physic Garden in preparation for Fun Foundations' day nursery's Easter bonnet parade.

He presented each child with an Easter Egg and families went on to celebrate with a tea picnic.



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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

BY the time this column is published, the UK growth figures will have been announced.

These statistics are key and will indicate whether George Osborne is taking us on the right road, or that the measures to reduce government debt are failing to have the desired effect.

If there is economic growth, then he will gain confidence and businesses and consumers will respond positively.

If the figures are negative, then technically we will have fallen back into recession.

From meeting and speaking

with businesspeople and individuals, I am upbeat – and hope that I won't regret my optimism (and feel a little foolish) within a day or so of writing this article!

Estate agents in Barry, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major tell me that they are noticing movement in the market. Business lawyers advise me that they are starting to make deals again. Clearly, neither are in the same volumes or even values as previously, but I believe that we are making progress.

Readers will be aware that we are paying £120m a day in interest on the nation's debt. Anyone who runs a home, business or charity knows that such a situa-



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

tion is unsustainable.

Over the last 10 years, Wales has become the poorest part of the UK. Wealth figures (GDP)

show that we now score worse than the north east of England and Northern Ireland.

The recent budget proposed enterprise zones to support the areas that need the greatest support. I hope that whoever wins the elections to the National Assembly will adopt this policy.

I want Barry to be the first part of Wales to benefit from reduced business rates and taxation, less red tape and greater investment. This approach is aimed at freeing up business to generate wealth, rather than simply pumping grants into companies.

A New Enterprise Allowance scheme, that worked successfully

in the 1980s has been launched in Merseyside and will be rolled out across the UK later this year.

This will give a significant boost to people wishing to start up their own businesses, if they have been unemployed for more than six months.

April also brought a significant change to welfare policy. Under the previous arrangements, some people were less well off working than claiming benefits.

Iain Duncan Smith has won plaudits from charitable groups far and wide for his changes.

People will be better off in work than on benefits and those who

feel they can't work, will be given the right sort of support to adapt to employment.

Naturally, those with disabilities prevent them from working will be protected.

I have raised the plight of those with variable illnesses, particularly those with mental health issues to ensure they receive the protection they need.

Clearly, there is a long way to go but with (hopefully) an element of economic recovery and the right sort of support for people and business, it will not only be the royal wedding that will lift our spirits – but our economic prospects, too!

MEN'S FORUM GETS INSIDER'S VIEW OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT

THE speaker at the last meeting of Barry Men's forum was Mr Gordon Edmunds who was actually present during the dramatic events described below, while stationed as an RAF fitter in Lubeck.

Gordon commenced his talk by outlining the events that led to the necessity for the airlift in 1948. In his view, Stalin had made it perfectly clear that he resented certain aspects of the Yalta and Potsdam agreements made between the victorious Allies before the war ended.

He was particularly unhappy with the fact that Berlin, a city seven times larger than Cardiff and well within the Soviet control zone, was to have an Allied presence within it with the American, British and French governments having control within their allocated zones.

In fact, since the Soviets controlled the whole of East Germany, it took some time for the Western Allies to be able to get through obstructed Soviet territory to get to their sovereign areas of occupation within the former German capital.

Russian resentment at the situation continued to simmer and when Stalin learned that the West planned currency reform and the Establishment of a freely-elected government in West Germany, he ordered all roads leading from the west into Berlin to be closed.

An early capitulation by the western powers was expected, and with only three weeks' supply of food left in cut-off Berlin, desperate measures had to be taken by the Allies.

A huge and historic effort had to be made to keep the people of Berlin supplied by air and the speaker explained how this was done and revealed the amazing logistics behind the effort.

A thousand tons of fuel and food were needed every day to keep the city supplied with the bare essentials, and at the height of the exercise one aircraft was landing in west Berlin every 32 seconds.

German civilians unloading the cargo planes were expected to remove 10 tons of coal in under 10 minutes.

Six hundred planes were available, with as many as 300 flying at peak periods at any one time.

By the Spring of 1949, it was obvious that the city had been saved from starvation and that the Allies would not capitulate.

A reserve of 90 days food and fuel had been built up and Stalin had little choice but to open up the land routes into Berlin.

There was much rejoicing and the Berliners showed their gratitude to those like our speaker who worked through a bitter winter in north Germany, servicing the vital aircraft that had

performed the miracle of the Berlin Airlift.

Meetings are held at 10.30am on Thursdays in the hall of the United Reformed Church in Barry.

For further details, contact 029 2059 4881.

Village church to benefit from royal day auction!

Royal wedding day is being celebrated in a big way at St Hilary, with community events in the Bush Inn and on the village green all day long.

However, one event has attracted celebrity support, and that is a 'promise auction' in aid

of church funds, which will start at 7.15pm in the evening in the Bush.

Local resident Roger Lewis, the chief executive of the Welsh Rugby Union, has stepped forward to invite bids for a tour of the Millennium Stadium for a party of four – with Mr Lewis as

the guide! Another local name who has offered support is up-and-coming trainer Tim Vaughan, who is offering a visit for four to his Pant Wilkin racing stables in Aberthaw.

Vale MP Alun Cairns has offered a VIP seat for Prime Minister's questions in the House of Commons, while there are a host of other promises, ranging from a load of farmyard manure, to picking your own eggs from a hen house, to a personal visit from a mole-catcher!

Full details of the promise auction, and of events at the village on Mr and Mrs Windsor's big day, can be found on www.sthilary.org.uk

Art gallery re-opens

THE Silures Art Group was set up in 1996, with its gallery and workshop at 40 South Road, Porthcawl, as a progressive venture to encourage amateur artists to be more adventurous and

experimental, without crossing the border into weird or way out art.

The gallery is open at weekends and bank holidays between 11am-4.30pm with a varied exhibition programme held throughout the year. The premises are

scheduled to reopen on Saturday, May 7 with the members civic exhibition of all new work with the commission on sales going to the Mayor's charity funds.

For more information, email: artists@silures-gallery.co.uk, www.siluresgallery.co.uk

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John Street, Porthcawl
Gaynor - 01656 788763

Brackla – Wednesday 5.45pm
Hunters Lodge,
Church Ave, Brackla
Helen - 01656 720963

THURSDAY

Barry – 10.15am
Castelland Community Centre
Belvedere Crescent
Niki - 01446 740394

Cowbridge – 10.00am
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Barry – 5.45pm
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St. David's Methodist Church Hall
Winston Road
Annmarie - 01446 736534

Llantwit Major – 4.45 & 6.45pm
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Annmarie - 01446 736534

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The Cabin,
by swimming pool
Hebron Hall
Alison - 01443 486220



Capped by Wales in athletics and football

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STEFFAN BECOMES A DUAL SPORTING INTERNATIONAL!

Steffan Jones, a celebrated his Welsh year-13 pupil at Bro Morgannwg recently

celebrated his Welsh schoolboy under-18 football cap at the

WSFA Centenary dinner last week, making it an international double for him.

He has already received his international athletics vest.

He is pictured, above, with Martin Evans (WSFA manager), Brian Flynn (FAW), and Adam Matthews, the Cardiff City player who is moving to Celtic in the summer.

'Don't forget to vote!' – public is urged

VOTERS are being urged to exercise their democratic right to vote in the National Assembly for Wales elections and UK-wide referendum next Thursday (May 5).

The Vale Council has announced that polling stations will be open from 7am–10pm.

The referendum is on the voting system used for elections to the UK Parliament and the question being put to voters on May 5 is: "At present, the UK uses the 'first past the post' system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. Should the 'alternative vote' system be used instead?"

For further information, visit www.about-myvote.co.uk

Long-distance cyclists line up £20,000 target for charities



A GROUP of businessmen have successfully completed a 260-mile bike ride challenge for charity and are on target to smash their £20,000 target.

Founded by James Emery, managing director of The COS Group, a Barry-based company, the 'whosbright-ideawasthis' challenge was set up with the aim of raising £20,000 for St David's Foundation Hospice Care and other charities – including the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund.

The 17-strong team, which was made up of directors and senior part-

ners from local businesses, including The COS Group, Berry Smith, Yolk Recruitment, UHY Peachey, Bluegg Creative and Stills Design, cycled from Anglesey to south Wales over four days, spending a total of 29.5 hours in the saddle and cycling at an average speed of 8.3 mph.

On completing the gruelling 260 miles, James Emery said: "We are all absolutely thrilled to have completed the challenge and we are overwhelmed with the welcome we received in the Bay when we crossed over the finishing line. "The four days tested our stamina and at times our mental endurance especially with the poor weather conditions at the start of the journey."

"However, the glorious sunshine of the final two days definitely lifted

our spirits and despite at times being exhausted, we were all motivated and determined to complete the ride knowing that we were raising money to help some fantastic charities."

James pointed out: "It new challenges for

is a fantastic achievement for all involved, knowing that we are on course to raise over £20,000 for our charities."

"Furthermore, due to its resounding success, we are already looking at new challenges for

2012."

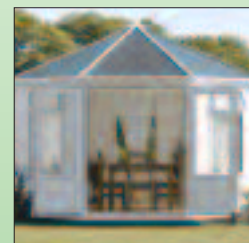
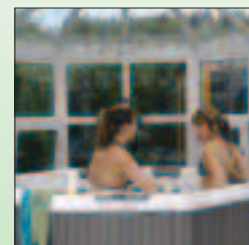
He added: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has generously donated and supported us throughout the challenge."

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Many Tears Animal Rescue

A 'street can collection' was organised recently to raise funds for Many Tears Animal Rescue, and £343.15 was raised in a few hours.

I would like to thank all shoppers/visitors to Cowbridge, who gave so generously to help rescue dogs (and sometimes cats) find hope.

'Many Tears' are based outside Llanelli on the A48 but rehomed dogs all over the country. They also foster rescue dogs to homes nationwide.

A big thanks to everyone who contributed to helping homeless dogs find their 'forever homes'.

Please check out their website if you can give a dog a 'forever home' or can become a fosterer.

Thanks, also, to both the human and the ever-patient hairy volunteers who helped out so well!

Cheryl Morgan-Veek
(on behalf of 'Friends Of Many Tears Animal Rescue')

All Saints pupils remembered meaning of Easter as they prepared for the holidays

EASTER celebrations were a highlight, as pupils at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School prepared for the end of term.

Children were busy making Easter cards and baskets and, on the Thursday, Father Adrian Berry led a Eucharist service for pupils, parents and guests.

Year-2 children supported the worship with a dramatisation of Palm Sunday and presented gifts at the altar, while some pupils wrote and led the prayers.

The Easter bonnet parade took place on the last day of term. Almost every child in

the school took part and, once again, there was an amazing array of creative talent on display, making the judges' tasks very difficult.

There were prizes of Easter eggs for the winning entries but the Easter Bunny also left cream eggs for every pupil.

The day ended with a celebration worship led by headteacher Richard Ware, who thanked staff and pupils for another busy and successful term and wished everyone a happy Easter holiday.

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Llantwit (and the Vale) sees Dafydd proud

RECENTLY, Llantwit Major RFC was the venue for a testimonial supper, one of a series of events to recognise the contribution of Dafydd Jones to Llanelli and Welsh rugby in particular.

At 31 years of age, Dafydd has been forced to retire from professional rugby due to an injury sustained while playing for Wales against the All Blacks in November 2009.

An Aberaeron boy, he joined Llanelli Youth and made his senior Scarlets debut in 1997 against Leeds, going on to make more than 200 appearances for the club and scoring 24 tries.

On the international front, Dafydd gained 42 caps and scored two tries, building a reputation as an all-action flanker. Married with two young children, Dafydd has spent 12 years concentrating on a rugby career, so it must be a tremendous wrench to have to finish playing the game he loves.

A shy, courteous, affectionate gentleman off the field, he was a real handful on the pitch, respected by team mates and opponents. The game will also miss Dafydd. Welsh skipper Mathew Rees, Dafydd's best friend, was due to attend but a domestic crisis forced him to cry off at short notice.

Nevertheless, the Welsh squad were very well represented by former skipper Ryan Jones and wing wonder Shane Williams, both Ospreys of course, but keen to support a Scarlets hero who is a great character.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was Adrian Davies, former GB squash player and first ever recipient of the Carwyn James junior sportsman of the year.

Adrian did a fantastic job, with brilliant humour, keeping the evening flowing and adhering to the code of behaviour for a mixed function (occasionally).

John Maclean, the Llanelli RFC benefactor, spoke of Dafydd as a youngster coming to Stradey Park and how he became a firm favourite with

the fans, a true Scarlets great. John thanked Shane and Ryan for their support.

Adrian Davies then introduced the principal guests: Dafydd who sat with a huge smile which never cracked all evening, listened as Adrian gave a quick resumé of his playing career; Ryan Jones, a Newport boy, Ospreys player in a Cardiff feeder club supporting a Scarlets, typified the support rugby, Welsh rugby especially, gives.

Ryan has skipped Wales 27 times and played more than 100 games for the Ospreys. He has been voted Wales' sexiest man twice and is still one of the most eligible bachelors around.

Adrian then turned his attention to Shane Williams' 78 caps, 130 Ospreys appearances, two Lions tours, two Grand Slams, 55 tries for Wales, Welsh sports personality of the year, a true superstar, yet still that modest young man from Amman United RFC.

After a fish and chip supper provided by Spiros of Cardiff, Dafydd, Ryan and Shane gathered on stage for a question and answer session.

One of the first questions was about role models; all three are role models to future rugby stars – who did they look up to?

Dafydd said Zinzan Brook, a hard, uncompromising forward yet with good hands and a drop goal expert to boot. Ryan Jones said his hero was Scott Quinnell, a great ball carrying forward.

Shane admitted to being a '70s fan – Gerald Davies, JPR Williams, Barry John, Phil Bennett, Gareth Edwards – though 'tongue in cheek' he said Gatland and Howley were on his list.

When asked what they would do, or like to have done if they did not play rugby, Dafydd said a carpenter or part-time fireman, Ryan would be a star of stage and screen, Shane a test pilot for Airfix, according to Ryan.

Certainly, Ryan was a star on stage this evening, forming a perfect comedy repertoire with Dafydd and Shane, firing one, two or three-liners off each other to make for a very entertaining night. When asked to

describe the Millennium Stadium atmosphere in three words, Dafydd said unique, impressive, crazy, while Ryan said smelly, colourful, passionate! Shane took time to come up with his answer – magic, incredible, emotional.

Shane also thought of wellies, referring to pitch problems and I suppose you could empathise with a scenario of a Formula One car on a dirt track.

When it came to hardest opponent, Dafydd said any New Zealand or English back row. They were always tough, but Silesi Finan was a real handful in training.

Ryan said Bakies Botha of South Africa, though Ian Gough was a nuisance in training, while Shane said Wayne Proctor, the Llanelli and Wales wing nicknamed 'the scarecrow' because of his low body mass index, who always seemed to play out of his skin when up against him.

After a very entertaining episode, Adrian Davies thanked Mark Griffin, Bryan Godsell and Colin Owens of Llantwit for organising the evening which raised considerable funds for Dafydd's testimonial year, which also supports Ty Hafan and the Ray Gravell and Friends Foundation.

Certainly, the businessmen and women present and rugby folk and partners dug deep to support one of Welsh rugby's unsung heroes, a great character, a great guy.

Dafydd took the mic to express his thanks, unashamedly surprised by the strength of support given by those present. Dafydd was also pleased to receive a special Dragon memento to mark his visit to Llantwit.

Although the official side of the evening ended, all the players remained for a considerable time chatting, signing autographs and posing for pictures.

There were a few more stories shared and Dafydd eventually left the club, still smiling as broadly as when he first set foot in the club.

Hopefully, he will now enjoy his future life with his family as a new career opens.

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Welsh honours for teenagers

TWO Porthcawl under-16 players were involved in Wales internationals against the old enemy, England over the weekend.

On Sunday, outside-half Josh White, representing Wales under-16s, put in a superb defensive display in Wales' 31-10 defeat, and on Friday winger Xavier Manaseitava and Wales rugby league under-16s were unlucky in losing 24-18.

Porthcawl RFC under-16s would like to congratulate both players on their representative honours, the team and the club are very proud of you. PB

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Penarth & District Ramblers round-up GROUP FOLLOWS THE SUN ON A VALE COASTAL WALK

WHILE most of the group enjoyed their second trip walking the Pembrokeshire coastal path, six walkers joined Joy, Bracken and Bronte for a trip down to Monknash on the Vale coast, for a walk nearer to home.

On a beautiful sunny morning, the group left the Plough and Harrow to road-walk the short distance to The Forge and climbing over the first of many stone stiles that are a feature of this area, they entered fields, passing the remnants of Monknash Grange.

This was one of the largest monastic farms in

Glamorganshire with the land having been given to Neath Abbey during the 12th century.

Amongst the ruined walls and buildings stands the dovecot or columbarium which still has nesting boxes inside and the birds were used for the supply of meat during the Middle Ages when meagre diets needed supplementing.

Joining part of Valeways Millennium Heritage Trail, the group followed the Nash Brook down through the pretty wooded Blaen-y-cwm into Cwm Nash and onto the beach.

Walking in an easterly direction with an ebbing tide, sea mist enveloped the surrounding steep cliffs and the temperature dropped rapidly.

Reaching Nash Point, the group clambered over rocks to stop for morning coffee at the seaward end of Cwm Marcross, where the sea was almost flat and eventually the sun returned.

Climbing uphill, they made their way along the coastal path to the Nash Point lighthouses built following the tragic loss of life from the passenger steamer Frolic that ran aground in 1830.

Many vessels over the years floundered on the six-mile Nash sandbank

or the fierce rocky cliffs: following a public outcry two lighthouses were built in 1832 and navigation buoys were attached to the sandbank.

It did not stop vessels running aground totally, but it did warn of the hidden dangers of this part of the Bristol Channel and on weekends in season the main lighthouse is open to visitors.

The group entered woodland covered with bluebells just before reaching St Donats Castle, which is built on Norman foundations and now houses Atlantic College that attracts students from all over the world.

Turning inland, they emerged at Parc Farm, where they followed the new footpath diversion, then across several fields to Marcross Farm for a walk through some frisky young inquisitive cattle.

Following the lane, they deviated through open fields as the temperature rose to reach Marcross. Passing the Church of the Holy Trinity, where a notice advises that the gate is secured to stop cows wandering into the churchyard, they went downhill by road and into woods above the Marcross Brook.

Returning to Cwm

Marcross, they climbed the cliff to gain a little breeze and enjoyed fine views of the Nash sandbank that was partially uncovered whilst enjoying a lunch break.

The Iron Age fort that once stood there has been destroyed by cliff erosion.

Crossing another stone stile, the group followed the cliff path, where gaps in the turf indicate how badly the cliffs are decaying and falling onto the beach below.

Returning to Cwm Nash and the lovely shady Blaen-y-cwm that envelops the Nash Brook, the group returned by quiet lane to The Plough and Harrow which dates back to 1383 and some members enjoyed a well deserved cool refreshing pint in the beer garden before the journey home.

On April 30, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for an 8-mile moderate walk at Ystradowen; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Chicks, Easter bunnies – and snowmen



Members with some of the 1,200 chicks donated this year.

Knitters work overtime for Velindre hospital!

FOR the past 10 years, members of Soroptimist International Barry and District, together with family and friends, have knitted more than 10,000 chicks for the Velindre Hospital Easter Chick Appeal.

The Appeals Officer at Velindre Hospital, Julie Smith, MBE, started the 'Chick Knit' 14 years ago, and her aim is to reach £1million! At the moment, she is £70,000 short, but hopes

to reach this target next year.

Volunteers fill the knitted chicks with chocolate eggs and these are sold at £1 each. About 90 per cent of the chicks are sold in schools.

On top of the 1,200 chicks donated this year, club member and Barry florist, Hilary West, together with her staff, Laura, Samantha, Jane and Maxine, knitted, sewed up and sold not

only chicks, but snowmen at Christmas and currently Easter bunnies. These have contributed a further £120 to the Appeal.

The Velindre Appeal is always looking for new knitters, and anyone interested should telephone Julie Smith on (029) 2031 6211.

To find out more, visit www.soroptimist-gbi.co.uk/barry-and-district

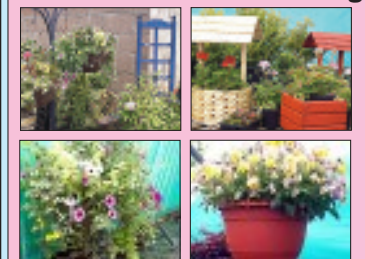
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Our budget has protected students in Wales from the huge fees hike introduced by the UK Government and extended our Apprenticeship scheme.

Whilst in Government, Welsh Labour has introduced free prescriptions, free bus passes and free school breakfasts, we are committed to keeping these services if returned to Government on May 5th.

I hope you will support me on May 5th and allow me to continue as your Assembly Member.

Best wishes,

Jane Hutt

Jane Hutt - Labour Assembly Candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan

NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT BARRY COMPREHENSIVE

Caving, walking – and kayaking on ‘curriculum’

FOURTEEN year-7 boys from Barry Comprehensive School braved the cold and wet conditions last term to take part in a visit to the Storey Arms outdoor activity centre in the Brecon Beacons National Park.

The boys experienced caving at the Porth Yr Ogof Gorge, walking along the River Mellte near Ystradfellte and kayaking on the Brecon and Monmouthshire Canal.

“The activities were at times physically demanding and challenging but the boys derived great satisfaction from overcoming their inhibitions and gaining success in a whole new field of learning. They experienced enjoyment, comradeship and adventure,” Mr Andrew Clissett reported.

BELOW: Team building exercise on the Brecon and Monmouthshire canal.



At Porth Yr Ogof, about to enter the caves.



Tyrell in a tight squeeze.

Miri Mieri's great family sunflower race

THE Miri Mieri family garden (near the children's play area by Llantion Hall, Llantwit Major) now has two round beds up-and-growing, one ready to grow (with thanks to Cowbridge Compost), and another waiting to be filled.

Two new terraced beds are brimming with onions, sweetcorn, kale, plus onion and beetroot seeds.

Autumn raspberries have gone in along the fence, and small hazel seedlings along the bottom edge.

At Easter weekend, we spotted a lively green frog and three slow-worms: a large male and female, and a baby male about 12 cm long.

We are looking for some large lengths of wood to make a new bed at the bowls-club-end, for beans, tomatoes and courgettes. If anyone can offer something suitable,

possibly a railway sleeper, please call the number below.

Next session: The public is invited to take part in Llantwit Major's Great Sunflower Race on Saturday, May 7 (at 10.30am-12.30pm).

Who will grow the tallest sunflower in town?

All ages are welcome, as long as children are accompanied by a responsible adult.

This is a free event, but if the dry weather continues, please try to bring along a bottle of water for the thirsty plants!

As usual, old clothes are recommended.

Miri Mieri is a Transition Llantwit project. For more information, or to offer help with the garden, please ring 796849 or 07804 624795.

ANNIE PAINE

Who wants to build what and where?

Mr and Mrs Paul and Kirsten Tedder – 12 Cory Crescent, Peterston-super-Ely – Single storey extension to front, side and rear. Mr James Glasson – 4 Clos Llanfair, Wenvoe – Single storey kitchen extension to rear of existing dwelling. Mr Andrew Tipping – Barn adjacent to Clearhill, Heol Las, Wick – Change of use of existing holiday let cottage to full residential use as smallholding. Fitz Project Management – 92 High Street, Barry – Shopfront alterations to provide front access to existing flats.

J V Tree Services – Brookside, Llancarfan – Clear fell ash tree. Punch Pub Partnerships – Bush Inn, St Hilary, Cowbridge – Install flue liner within chimney and add one chimney pot to left-hand chimney stack. Native Woodland Ltd – Cardiff and the Vale Natural Burial Ground, Coedardhyglyn, St Nicholas – Construction of a simple timber-framed memorial shelter in which to shelter funeral parties during inclement weather and a store-room for funeral and grave digging equipment. Fresh Bacon Company Ltd – 50b Holton Road, Barry – Alteration of existing shop front to revert to traditional form. Mr Roger Mundy – Land to the rear of 94 Lavernock Road, Penarth – One detached three bedroom house with integral garage.

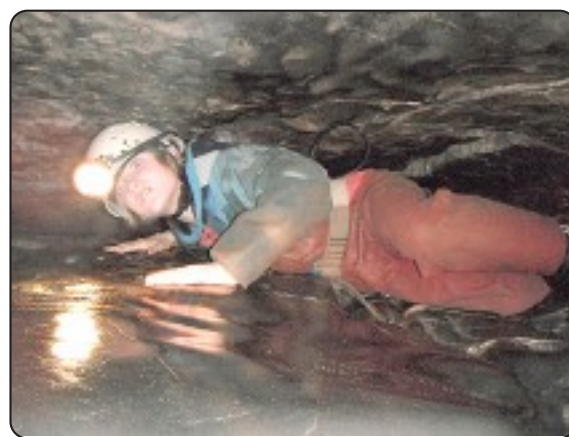
Mr Matthew Thomas – 2 Hinchcliff Avenue, Barry – Demolition of existing detached garage and replace with new detached garage and associated summer-house. Mr Jon Featherstone – 16 Heol Neuadd, Cogan, Penarth – Loft conversion with dormer to rear. Mr and Mrs S James – 7 Fennel Close, Penarth – Utility/WC extension and additional parking provision at the front of the property.

Mr and Mrs Daubney – 2 Church Road, Wick – 1.5m extension to front bedroom with hipped roof. Mr Alan Brooks – 108 Murlande Way, Rhoose – Conservatory to rear of dwelling. Mr Stephen Tarling – 5 Percy Smith Road, Llantwit Major – Single storey side extension. Mr John Thomas – Splott Farm, Cowbridge Road, Aberthyn – Laying of hardcore material to form access track for agricultural machinery (4m x 195m). Provision of replacement agricultural storage shed (18.3m x 5.1m x 3.9m max). Mrs Janine Price – 6 Westward Rise, Barry – Single storey side extension. MVC Building Services – 54 Nant Tatwg Way, Barry – Conversion of garage to form granny annexe and new front porch to dwelling.

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ABOVE: Cooling off in the icy waters of the Mellte.



ABOVE: Owen sliding along in Porth Yr Ogof.

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Findlay's Find wins Bonvilston classic

THOUSANDS of hunt-racing enthusiasts turned up at sunny Bonvilston in the Vale for the annual Penttyrch Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases – and it seemed nearly all the scribes from the national press had travelled Wales to join them.

Farmer Tudor Harris and his band of happy helpers had watered the course on a daily basis the week before – some 100,000 gallons of water in total – and this ensured some decent sized fields.

The feature race was the Dunraven Windows Point-To-Point Grand National over three and a half miles, first ran in 1983 when it was won by Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn on Donald Dix's *Mr Moneybags*.

The odds-on

favourite was Paul Miles' *Findlay's Find* and given a confident ride by Ogmore's Nick Williams (25) this remarkable five-year-old chesnut went clear three fences from home to win by a distance from Wyn Morris's *Backstreet Lad* (Nathan Deakin) with last year's winner *Galtee View* (Joseph Williams) a further 20 lengths away in third place.

Findlay's Find, who was landing a four-timer, is trained by Mr Miles's wife Myfanwy.

Williams soon made it a double when winning the next race, the Restricted, on Gwynne Phillips's homebred *Books Review*. A seven-year-old bay gelding trained by Shan Farr in the Rhondda, *Books Review*, a former inmate of Debbie Hamer's yard, won by 10 lengths from the pacemaking *Diddle'Em* (Paul Tolman).

Only three of the 12 entries went to post for

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

the AGA Ladies Open, but all three are prolific winners.

Oca De Thaix (Charlotte Evans), *Chesnut Annie* (Isabel Tompsett) and *Lady Myfanwy* (Claire Hart) finished in that order after *Oca De Thaix*, a nine-year-old bay gelding and the 5-1 outsider of three, made every yard of the running to win by six lengths and five lengths.

Charlotte (18), who rides out for Pembrokeshire's owner/trainer Keith Goldsworthy, said on dismounting: "That was fantastic."

Tompsett, returning

to the saddle after breaking a collar bone, said: "Annie just couldn't go with him – he was in a different class."

Laura Grey (21), having only her second ride in a point-to-point, won the Members' race on that grand old National Hunt performer 13-year-old *Celtic Boy* who got up on the run-in to win by three parts of a length from the odds-on *Chandlers Cross* (Bradley Gibbs). *Celtic Boy*'s former owner, Ffos Las Racecourse supremo Dai Walters, was there to see him do it.

Laura, who rides out for Tim Vaughan, will be going to Bristol University to train as a veterinary surgeon.

Celtic Boy was a first winner for trainer Rebecca Dando, who also saddled her father Philip's homebred *Spring Haze* (Evan David) to win the Maiden race.

Spring Haze was left in front when *Gouranga Society* (Paul Sheard) fell four fences from home.

Jack Rowsell's *Stoneriggs Merc*, a winner of an amateur riders' race at Ludlow when trained by Tim Vaughan a couple of seasons ago, was a 16-1 winner of the Novice Riders' race. Well ridden by Joseph Williams,

Stoneriggs Merc disputed the lead throughout and the 10-year-old grey gelding held off the late challenge of the odds-on *Kisha King* (Wayne Maskill) to score by a length-and-a-half.

Dewi Lewis's *Balearic Star* (Paul Tolman), winner of the Confined here last year only to be disqualified, made up for it this time and despite a bad mistake at the second last, went on to score by four lengths from *Power King* (James Stephens).

The Banwen Miners Point-To-Point Steeplechases take place at Pentreclywdau in the Vale of Neath on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, May 2, (First race 1.30 pm).



PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are available from this event.

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High Street traders' Easter parade displays the most 'amazing' bonnets and fancy dress!

Photographs by JAN IRVING



THE High Street traders' Easter bonnet parade on Good Friday proved a great success, with some wonderful creations.

Traders' chairman, Mr Tony Hopkins, said: "I would like to thank everyone who took part in our parade. The effort and hard work put into making the bonnets and fancy dress was truly amazing. Everyone looked fantastic and deserved to be a winner!"

"I would like to say a special thank you to The GEM's very own Jan Irving, to Jane Hutt and Dr Bob, who had the unenviable task of picking the winners."

THE WINNERS WERE:

0-6yrs Bonnet – 1st Isobel Rosser, 2nd Finnley Rex, 3rd Chloe Williams.

0-6 yrs Fancy Dress – 1st Rayne Turner, 2nd Zach Dyer, 3rd Laura Woodfin.

6 – 12 yrs Bonnet – 1st Joshua Slatter, 2nd Jessica Bowen, 3rd Leah Jade.

6-12 yrs Fancy Dress – 1st Josh Davies, 2nd Katie Rosser, 3rd Paige Rosser.

12yrs+ - 1st Cloe Davies, 2nd Shannon Davies, 3rd Carolyn Knight.

Mr Hopkins added: "Thanks also go to Sharon George and her sister Helen at MJM Computers for organising everything, Karl Kuhnell the Mayor of Barry, and Cubana's Café Bar, who once again hosted our famous Easter tea party."



The sun shines on double celebration in Porthkerry park



Coun Anthony Ernest cuts the ribbon to declare the new play area open.

PORTHKERRY country park was bathed in sunshine for a dual celebration.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony, led by Coun Anthony Ernest, the Vale Council's cabinet member for tourism and leisure, opened the park's new nautical-themed play area. It was followed by a cake cutting to mark the

opening of the newly-refurbished café and new decked eating area.

The new play area was installed by the Vale Council, thanks to an £84,000 grant funding from the Welsh Assembly Government.

The café and adjacent land has been rejuvenated by local businessman Pat Collins.

Dyspraxia support group's local AGM

THE annual meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be held on Monday, May 9, at 7.30pm in the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU.

Professor Amanda Kirby of the Discovery Centre at the University of Newport, will address the meeting.

The group supports children and young people with dyspraxia (as

well as related conditions such as dyslexia, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, OCD, Tourettes) and their parents and carers by providing advice and information, as well as an opportunity to exchange experiences.

It operates a 24-hour help and advice line on 01446 738945 and a website, www.vdsg.org.uk and also runs social activities and a laptop loan programme.



FAST FIVE IS DUMB, BUT FULL OF FUN!

THOSE with a taste for fast cars, fast women and plenty of over-the-top histrionics will no doubt be relishing the release of the latest instalment in the *Fast & Furious* franchise, *Fast Five*.

While some (including this very column) predicted the death of the franchise following the woeful fourth outing, it seemed that the paying public largely disagreed – the financial success of *Fast & Furious* giving the series renewed impetus.

This time around, Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel) and Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker) team up with familiar faces from the previous films, as they fall into the path of a drug lord (Joaquim de Almeida)

and a federal agent (Dwayne Johnson) who both want to get their hands on the gang for different reasons...

Let's get one thing straight right from the start – *Fast Five* certainly isn't *The King's Speech*. There will be no subtlety, no dramatic grandstanding performances and nothing to give Oscar voters sleepless nights come next March.

However, what you do get is a film that is surprisingly rather enjoyable, a guilty pleasure designed to pound your senses into submission so that anything that is just plain nonsense disappears into the background not to be mentioned again.

While the franchise has undergone the law of diminishing returns, each effort just that little less impressive than the last, the previous outing was seemingly

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

the work of a lobotomised chimpanzee with his hands gaffer-taped to a keyboard; all the more surprising then that the two men responsible for that mess are present and correct here.

Director Justin Lin appears to have become the guardian of all that is fast and furious, this

being his third effort, and the director appears to have taken notice of the shortfalls of last outing. The computer effects are pared down and used far more subtly, giving the film a more visceral and realistic edge.

While the driving set-pieces may be MIA for much of the film, Lin hits pay dirt with the final sequence, a whizz-bang set-piece of destruction that gains no points for delicacy, but plenty for sheer wanton devastation.

Screenwriter Chris Morgan still seems to be unable to grasp the intricacies of multi-dimensional characters and believable dialogue (what is offered here should be renamed 'dire-logue') but he does at least craft a decent story that Lin can hang his set-pieces on while the cast breeze in and out.

Certainly the performances won't make any end-of-year lists, but both Vin Diesel and Paul Walker, as well as Jordana Brewster, are more than au fait with their characters, offering turns that sit well in the scheme of things, while the likes of Tyrese

Gibson, Ludacris and Sung Kang bring enough casual cool to the roles to offset the lack of actual acting.

However, the stand-out turn by far is Dwayne Johnson as the federal agent on the tail of Toretto and company; with muscles on top of muscles, charisma that sparkles and an attitude that makes him by far the most engaging character, Johnson shows exactly why he was once considered the action hero of the future, putting the other contender for that throne (a certain Vin Diesel) firmly in the shade.

While it isn't a film for the more discerning film fan, *Fast Five* is however a shot in the arm of a franchise that seemed to be dying slowly; with a post-credits sequence setting up a potential sixth installment, it will be something to look forward to based on the evidence here.

VERDICT – Neither big nor clever, *Fast Five* is, however, a thrilling, fast-paced heist movie with the sort of car destruction that would make even the brothers Blue take notice.

The performances and script are nothing to write home about, but do add up to a satisfying whole that requires little in the way of brain exercise. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Fast & The Furious*, *Ocean's Eleven*, *Gone in Sixty Seconds*.



Cast members, from left, Nia Ann Jones, Non Parry, Mark Evans, Gwydion Rhys Griffiths.

'Reverse the decline in nursery rhymes' – says songwriter Caryl

VALE singer-songwriter Caryl Parry-Jones is taking on a novel challenge – to help reverse the decline of traditional nursery rhymes.

She is not only appearing in the children's TV series *Marcaroni*, which began in April 27, but she has been largely responsible for the writing and composing.

The series, starring West End star Mark Evans, from Denbighshire, will be shown on S4C and this week a CD of some of the

new songs featured in the 52 episodes has been released.

Caryl lives in Cowbridge and has collaborated in the past with Swansea guitarist and composer Christian Phillips.

They co-wrote the script for *Rhestr Nadolig Wil* which won a BAFTA UK children's drama category award in 2009.

Together they dreamt up the mythical character Marcaroni, the composer of all children's songs, who lives in a clock.

Zumba top of the pops with pupils!

WEEKLY Zumba classes and the 5x60 scheme are top of the pops at Stanwell School, Penarth.

The popular dance fitness class was added to activities on offer by the school's 5x60 officer Pete O'Sullivan to encourage pupils to exercise.

Teachers and pupils are getting a weekly workout with the Latin



dance craze.

Deputy head Mrs Kynaston, said: "As part of Stanwell's commitment to healthy living,

we felt it was important to encourage all members of staff to take part in this worthwhile and fun activity."

Another Great Glamorgan GEM reader competition in conjunction with the Glamorgan Cricket Club

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For more information or to buy tickets visit:
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Glamorgan Cricket are offering five lucky readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to day 4 of the Test Match – all you need to do is answer the following question:

How much will it cost for a child to watch England vs Sri Lanka at the 1st npower Test Match in Cardiff?
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Easter egg collection

LOCAL businesses have been collecting Easter eggs for local 'Action for Children' establishments.

Staff at a funeral home, the public and local firms have all donated eggs for this worthy children's charity.

Arthur Thompson of AG Adams and Son, and WA Brown and Son, said: "This is the eighth year we have collected eggs for different children's charities, and again the people of Barry and Llantwit Major have been extremely generous in donating the eggs."

Welsh art show
THE best of Welsh art inspires an exhibition at Art Central, the Vale Council's gallery in Barry.

'The Welsh Group' – formed more than 60 years ago – includes artists living and working in Wales.

The exhibition has works by Alan Salisbury, Dilys Jackson and Robert Harding, and takes in a wide cross-section of art.

The exhibition at the Town Hall is open from Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm, until May 7 (excluding Bank Holidays).

Using spreadsheets for fun: THE GRID

ONE of the marvellous things about computers is their sheer versatility. They have the potential to be great labour-saving devices – not just saving mental effort, but physical effort, too.

A pet hate of mine is shuffling furniture around a room to see how it looks/fits. Instead, I now have fun on my machine, where I can eliminate most of the effort.

All this can be done without special drawing software. Any spreadsheet application will do. I use Microsoft Excel, which is part of Microsoft Office.

Some people ignore their spreadsheet facilities because they are vaguely aware that they are something to do with numbers and sums, and they don't do sums!

It is true that they were developed to do number crunching, and do it so well that we forget that it was the 'killer application' that gave impetus to the development of computers in the

first place. Howard proceeded to show how useful they can be for drawing and planning.

If you have a space and want to fit things into it, you first have to measure the space and the objects and jot the sizes down on a rough sketch.

Turn the cells on a spreadsheet into a A grid. Adjust the column width to be, say 25 pixels, as follows.

Put the cursor into the heading of column A. The cursor will change into a black down arrow; hold down the left mouse button and drag across the columns you wish to change. They will all be highlighted as selected.

Now hover the cursor between any two highlighted column heads.

It will appear as a heavy vertical line with a horizontal double-headed arrow.

When you hold down the left mouse button, a little box will appear giving the column width as a number and (in brackets) as 80 pixels.

Still holding down the mouse button, drag the cursor to the left until the number of pixels

changes to what you want.

Release the mouse button and all the highlighted columns will be adjusted to the selected column width.

In a similar manner, the row height can be increased to the same 25 pixels and you have a perfect grid.

You can use the squares to represent any size convenient for your project.

They could be one centimetre; four-inches; one foot, or even one kilometre.

Incidentally, you are now able to construct sheets of graph paper to meet any other needs you come across.

You can change the size of the grid or even change its proportions by turning the squares into oblongs.

With the grid all set, you are ready to start creating your objects using the magic of AutoShapes.

If you have never used them before, you are in for a treat.

Visitors are welcome. For enquiries, telephone 029 20708439.

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NEWS FROM PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

THE young performers at the Vale-based Nicola Peros Dance School have been celebrating a double success.

The youngsters will be performing with the company of the English Youth Ballet in July, and have been carrying out intense rehearsals in preparation for the event.

Also, Rochelle Davies and Mia Watkins have won scholarship prizes – Rochelle's senior scholarship was worth £400!

ABOVE:
The members of the Nicola Peros Dance School have been rehearsing hard in preparation for a special performance.
Photograph by NOEL TAYLOR



Out and About with The GEM

PORTHKERRY PLOD RAISES FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

RUNNERS of all abilities are invited to sign up now for this year's LifeStyle Porthkerry Plod, which takes place on Sunday, May 8.

Set in the stunning scenery of Porthkerry Park in Barry, the five-mile event challenges runners to tackle fields, hills, roads, woodland and coastal paths and starts at 10am.

The Plod is sponsored by the Vale Council's LifeStyle Health and Fitness gyms, based at the Leisure Centres in Barry, Cowbridge, Llantwit Major and Penarth, and is organised in association with Penarth and Dinas Runners.

Jonathan Rogers, the Vale Council's LifeStyle operations manager said: "Now in its sixth year, the Plod has

grown in popularity to become a firm fixture on the local sporting calendar.

"The event has attracted international runners, club members and relative novices who like a challenge. "We are delighted to sponsor the Plod and look forward to welcoming any entrants into our gyms as they train for the race."

Potential entrants are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible as the race is limited to 300 runners.

Entry is just £6 for LifeStyle and affiliated members or £8 for unaffiliated runners, and the closing date for entries in advance is Wednesday, May 4. People can also enter on

the day for £10, and all entrants must be aged 17 or over.

Jim McCulloch, one of the race organisers from Penarth and Dinas Runners, said: "The LifeStyle Porthkerry Plod is a really fun event, and the course is a good challenge for runners of all abilities."

"We are expecting bumper entries this year so don't miss out!"

Proceeds from the Plod will be donated to Penarth and Dinas Runners' nominated charities for 2011 – the JAM Fund and MIND.

Download an entry form from www.vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk/lifestyle or www.penarthandinasrunners.org.uk.

Pedal push for NSPCC

THE NSPCC is calling on nurseries in the Vale to take part in its annual Pedal Push for pre-school aged children – to raise funds for the charity.

"Children at nurseries, creches and playgroups can take part by being sponsored to hop on their bike, trike or

scooter and pedal or push their way around a fun course at their nursery, playground, playgroup or even their local park to raise funds for the NSPCC, making a real difference to children's lives across the UK," a spokesperson explained.

Nurseries can also choose to raise funds for their own group by keeping up to 25 per cent of the money raised.

Register at www.nspcc.org.uk/pedal-push, 0800 101 996 or email pedalpush@nspcc.org.uk for more information.

Ladies Choir at church

WHY not come along and enjoy an evening of light musical entertainment with the Barry Ladies Choir?

The choir will be performing at Zoar Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston on Friday, May 6, at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5, available from the village shop, Bonvilston or telephone 01446 781309.

Proceeds will be divided between Christian Aid and Zoar

NANTGARW CHINAWORKS MUSEUM Welsh China ANTIQUES FAYRE

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Local artist's 'moving work' wins plaudits



Linda Atkinson with Jane Hutt.

THE 'Art is my Life' exhibition mounted by Lynda Atkinson at Dinas Powys Methodist Church included a painting of Cardiff Bay Waterfront with the Senedd as a key feature.

Among the interested visitors was Jane Hutt, who praised the artist's "vivid and moving depiction".

WENVOE SALE

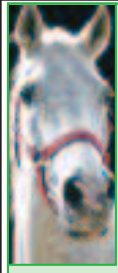
WENVOE WI is holding a table top sale in the Community Centre, Wenvoe, on Saturday, May 7, at 10.30am; entrance 50p.

CHURCH FAYRE

ST PAUL'S famous family bargains, a tribute to Harry Potter and a big raffle, feature at St Paul's Church fayre, on May 7, in St Paul's Avenue, Barry.

Stalls include gifts and cards; home produce, bric-a-brac and homemade cakes. Admission is 50p and all children are admitted free.

Llangeinor Hunt Point-to-Point to be held on **Saturday 14th May** First Race 2.00 pm **★ Special Attraction ★** **PONY RACING** at **The Stud, Roger's Lane LALESTON, Bridgend**



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What's on and where in your local area

Charity dinner

ON Saturday (April 30) the Mayor of Barry, Coun Karl Kuhnell will be a holding a charity function at the Mount Sorrel Hotel, Barry at 7pm.

The evening will include a three-course meal, entertainment, auction and raffle.

All proceeds will be donated to the Mayor's chosen charities – Barry Beavers Swimming Club and the Barry Ladies Choir.

Contact the Mayor's secretary, Julie Hurd, on 01446 704921

Street surgery

INDEPENDENT councillor, Richard Bertin, is holding a street surgery between 10am and 11am on Saturday (April 30) in the Holland Way and Iolo Place area of Barry.

He can be contacted on 01446 736227, or email rjbartin@valeofglamorgan.co.uk.

Singing tree

ART4U presents the art of the singing tree – a relaxed day of art, chimes, drums and didgeridoos on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday May 1 at 10.30am–5pm

in Romilly Park, Barry. Spring fair

THE Barry Philatelic Society spring fair takes place at the Highlight Community Centre from 10am–4.30pm on Saturday, April 30.

Admission 50p. Details on 01446 741026.

Art demo

ON Thursday, May 5 at 7pm in the annexe of Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge, the Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Hilary Bryanston, who will give a demonstration on semi-abstract wet-in-wet watercolour.

Non members welcome.

Royal party

FAMILIES are invited to Market Street Sports and Social Club, Barry, on May 2 to help raise cash for Marie Curie and also to celebrate

the royal wedding.

From 10am–4pm, celebrations include a big screen, karaoke and disco. There will also be a Jubilee style buffet.

Tickets cost £3.50 and are available from Market Street Club, or call 07425143453. All proceeds will be donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Party pictures

TOMORROW (April 29) sees the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton take place in London.

Communities in Bridgend and the Vale plan to hold their own 'royal' celebration events.

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Holland Way	85	Gold	19/1/2011
Llandinam Rd	72	Gold	13/12/10
Lon Yr Eglwys	24	Silver	28/6/2007
Lougher Place	38	Gold	24/2/2011
Phyllis Street	3	Silver	24/9/2009
South View	51	Gold	24/6/2010
Trehame Rd	57	Gold	2/11/2010
Maes Yr Ysgol	58	Gold+	09/11/10
Michaelston Close	81	Gold+	26/02/10
Monmouth Way	20	Gold	06/12/10
Narberth Court	34	Gold	16/12/10
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Wanderers get season off to a good start

BARRY Wanderers
got their season off
to a flier with a true
demolition job of
Cardiff Cavaliers at
Hayes Point.

Dean Thomas (55) and
debutant Hissan Ur
Rehman (51) got the
home side off to the per-
fect start with an opening
partnership of 118.

This gave the remain-
ing batsmen license to
play their shots and
quick-fire scores of 30
from Aled Hughes, 20
from Nimesh Reddy and
38 not out from Tom
Ridgwell meant that the
Wanderers reached a
total of 223-5, which
looked a good score on a
difficult batting wicket.

The Cavaliers were
unable to match the hard
work and fluid stroke-
play of the Wanderers
and were quickly in trou-
ble when Dan Bowles
dismissed Thomas for a
duck in the first over.

Chapman batted well
for 29, but was out too
soon for his side with
Dylan Williams claiming
his wicket with the assis-
tance of Tom Ridgwell,
who caught well at
square leg.

Aled Hughes chipped
in with the dismissal of
Davies for 11, but from
there on it was the Philip
John show. On a slow,
low track, he demon-
strated expert knowledge
of where to bowl on such
a wicket, and he executed
perfectly, claiming the
wickets of Gardner,
Davis, Duffy and
Poulson to finish with
figures of 4-16 from six
overs.

He destroyed the
Cavaliers' middle order
and all that was left was
for Nimesh Reddy to
claim the remaining two
wickets and the game
was won. Cardiff
Cavaliers were all out for
97, the Wanderers win-
ning by 126 runs.

The SofaSofa man of
the match was Philip
John.

**Radyr, Hayes
Point, April 24**
ON another better of a
day, BWCC hosted
Radyr for a 40-over
friendly.

Skipper Fenton won
the toss and unsurpris-
ingly decided to bat.
Defeo and Sawyer
opened and looked com-
fortable before Defeo
was bowled round his
legs.

Sawyer played some
exquisite shots in his 21,
while Aled Hughes flu-
ently scored runs, includ-
ing two audacious
reverse sweeps. He
reached 102 but ably
supporting Hughes was
Matt Burgin, who batted
superbly to achieve his
career best of 54 not out.
BWCC ended on 222
off 40 overs.

A steady fall of Radyr
wickets left the away
side reeling at 50 for 5.

A good sixth wicket
partnership ensued, but
once Fenton got rid of
them the end was nigh
and they ended well short
of the 222 required.

The SofaSofa man of

the match was shared by
Aled Hughes and Matt
Burgin for their fine
efforts with the bat.

**Barry West End,
Barry Athletic
Cricket Ground,
April 25**
BARRY West End
and **Barry Wanderers** met
at the Island for the
final game of the Bank
Holiday weekend.

Jamie Keir won the
toss and elected to bat.
Despite an initially confi-
dent start from Blundell
and Ur Rehman, the
Wanderers were soon in
trouble, with both open-
ers falling in quick suc-
cession.

Debutant Ajay Pathan
(two) soon followed and
the Wanderers were in
big trouble on 27-3 off 11
overs.

It soon got even grim-
mer for the Wanderers
with Hassett (eight) and
Mhadgut (18) departing
earlier than was needed.

A partnership of 32
between Keir and
Bowles helped, and so
did Keir and Nandan,
who put on 36 for the
eighth wicket.

Gutsy contributions
from Bowles (20),
Nandan (21) and Keir
(44 not out) pushed their
side on to a total of 145-
9.

Bowles clean-bowled
Crowthor for five with a
vicious in-swinging
delivery.

Krishna Nandan fol-
lowed up his decent
knock when Gadd edged
a ball to Ur-Rehman at
slip.

Tight opening bowling
from these two left the
West End on 28-2 off 12
overs. Stirke claimed the
important scalp of
Thomas when he had
him expertly caught at
mid-wicket by Ieuan
Wade, before his elder
brother got in the act and
had Jones out LBW for 0.
Stirke helped himself to
another wicket, out-fox-
ing Jones in the flight of
the ball, bowling him for
seven before Ieuan Wade
came on and showed his
brother that anything he
can do, Ieuan could do
better.

With the West End in
trouble on 66-5 off 22
overs, Wade the younger
tossed the ball up, invit-
ing the batsmen to play
risky strokes. This
induced lots of streaky
shots but no wicket. This
all changed with the last
ball of his third over,
when he bowled a lower,
flatter delivery to deceive
the experienced Glan
Williams (11).

It was great thinking
from the youngster and
he got rid of Holmes for
two. A spectacular catch
from Mhadgut left Wade
on a hat-trick but unfor-
tunately Mansfield sur-
vived. Wade claimed his
fourth wicket soon
enough when Tommy
Miller skied one to
Mhadgut, which left the
West End all out on 115,
a win for the Wanderers
by 30 runs.

The SofaSofa man of
the match was Ieuan
Wade.

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Southerndown Golf Club ramblers.

Southerndown ladies on a ramble through history

**A GROUP of ladies from
Southerndown Golf Club
recently set off on a ramble to
Margam Park.**

The walk was about five miles
and along the way they were told
some of the history of the estate -
that Bronze Age man may have set-
tled there and several burial
mounds (tumuli) exist in the north-
ern and eastern sections.

As the Roman legions started to
spread into Wales, the Celtic tribes
of the hill forts could not withstand
the repeated onslaughts.

Eventually, the tribe at Margam
succumbed, perhaps being starved

into submission after a long siege or
defeated in battle.

Any survivors would have been
put to work for their conquerors
and must have helped building the
network of Roman roads in the
region.

At present, Margam Castle over-
looks the steel works in the dis-
tance; it was the profits from the
works that C R M Talbot used to
build for himself the elegant coun-
try house that we can see today.

After making their way down
from the hillside, the group had a
late lunch in the new restaurant.

RITA WILLIAMS

Cadoxton Barry need a strong finish to head off relegation

**YET another
defeat, this time at
the hands of
Tonypandy, sees
Cadoxton Barry
(CB) slip deeper
into relegation
trouble.**

This was very much
a midfield battle and to
be honest, aside from
one amazing second
half double-save by CB
'keeper Lee Norris, nei-
ther side looked capa-
ble of scoring, even if
they had stayed out
there until the end of
the heat wave.

A spell of headers
saw the ball eventually
reach Mills on the left,
but his volley went
wide of the far post.
Then Blackmore took a
dip from long range but
it didn't come down
fast enough.

A Martyn free kick
awarded for a pass back
to the 'keeper was
taken from near the
penalty spot and divert-
ed for a corner by the
wall. Aiden Lewis met
the corner well but the
shot went too high.

Then it was time for
the sides to trade pass-
ing movements as first
Tonypandy put together
around a dozen before
CB more than matched it
with 15.

Neither of the move-
ments, however,
amounted to anything
like a scoring chance.
Half-time came and

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TONYPANDY	1
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went with the second
half action looking less
likely to see the dead-
lock broken. Indeed, a
penalty looked to be the
only way it was likely
to happen, and in due
course one arrived.

It came when a CB
player clipped the ankle
of an attacking player
on the right hand edge
of the box - Gareth
Moyle making no mis-
take from the spot.

Then, with two
exceptions, it was back
to the midfield stale-
mate.

The first exception
came as Mills appeared
to be pushed in the

back on the edge of the
box, the incident going
unpunished - while the
second saw the only
serious shots on goal of
the whole game bring-
ing an amazing double-
save from CB's Lee
Norris.

He parried a blister-
ing shot up and on to
the underside of his
own bar, from where it
rebounded into play
near his right post. The
loose ball was then
blasted back at goal,
bringing another quality
save from Norris as he
dived and stretched to
deny Tonypandy.

Yet more choice for footballers in Bridge league

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the chance to play in the
National six a side foot-
ball tournament.

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Cardiff and the Vale Athletics' AA debt of gratitude to Glan

SPORT is a funny old pastime. Sometimes a good teacher can encourage pupils to take part in a sport for years and years without any of them gaining recognition for an outstanding individual or team performance, and then – BINGO! When you least expect it, out of the blue comes unexpected success.

Many Vale residents as well as former and current pupils of Cowbridge Comprehensive School, will know of Mr Glan Williams, a member of the school's PE department for more than 30 years and a huge influence on pupils taking part in and gaining success in a host of different sporting activities.

For the last 10 years, Glan has been a huge supporter of the winter sportshall programmes, organised originally as a single championships by south Wales region and then, since 2005, by Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools Athletics Association.

At secondary schools, a sportshall programme includes competition for two age groups – under-13 (years 7 and 8) and under-15 (years 9 and 10) – and a series of track and field events.

For track events, 'reversaboard' are placed at opposite ends of the hall. Athletes start from a line in the middle of the hall and race, in their lane, towards their reversaboard. When they arrive, they use the 'board' to push off with a foot and change direction, running back towards the reversaboard at the opposite end of the hall. Again, when they arrive, they complete a similar turn.

When athletes arrive back at the starting line, they have completed one 'lap'. Normal competition distances are two laps and four laps – the equivalent of normal sprint events – plus a six lap time-trial, and relays – 4 x 2 laps, 4 x 1 laps and a 2 athlete, 8 laps relay.

On the field, there are standing long and triple jump events, a shot competition, speed bounce, a vertical jump and, for under-13 athletes, a high jump event.

The under-13 age groups include both individual events and relays. There is an all-rounder competition at under-15, a bit like a cut down pentathlon. Teams are limited to six athletes and a reserve. From that

by PETER MORRIS

six, a team is expected to field three athletes in each of the two events in a group, and there are three groups. For the boys the groups are 2 laps or 4 laps, standing long or standing triple jump and shot or speed bounce. The girls competed over a similar format with just one change – the vertical jump replaces the standing triple jump.

Welsh Sportshall finals have been held since the early 90s, with a variety of different teams taking part. Since 2005, the competition has been for eight teams, based on the eight schools' districts. The winning team in each section at that Welsh event, plus any outstanding individuals, qualify to compete at the UK Finals, which were held for many years at the National indoor Arena in the centre of Birmingham but were transferred to what is now the LG Arena at the National Exhibition Centre in 2008.

Glan Williams has been bringing Cowbridge pupils to local sportshall competitions for a decade or more, and there have been a number of winners – but qualifying for the UK Finals and making an impact there is a very different matter.

Glan's first trip to the UK Finals as a team manager for south Wales region was in 2003, when the under-13 boys team qualified – and there was a first-ever Cowbridge medalist. Year-8 pupil Huw Adams finished third in the 6 lap time-trial, to claim a bronze medal.

In 2006, the Welsh Sportshall Finals were held at Deeside, in north Wales. As boys' team manager, one of Glan's decisions brought unexpected success. A decision to swap year-8 Oliver Trotman's field event from high jump to standing long jump resulted in a winning leap of 2.46 metres in the under-13 section, and brought a wild card invitation to compete at the UK Sportshall Finals.

In 2007 and 2008, there were surprise wins in the under-15 boys sections for Cardiff and Vale Schools teams, largely made up of Cowbridge pupils, at the Welsh Sportshall Finals, but the teams struggled at the UK Finals finishing in bottom end of the 12 competing teams.

The one 'golden moment' came in 2007 in unexpected fashion as Glan's 2 boy, 8 lap relay team of Sam Conway and Konstantinos Karras finished first in the 8

lap paarlauf relay

Glan was back on the road to the UK Finals again in 2010, with a year-8 pupil. At the Cardiff & the Vale Schools championships, George Griffiths had won three events – the 2 laps, standing long jump and high jump – but in the Welsh finals, he could only do one track event and one field event. As it is always more difficult to find good high jumpers, George was selected for the 2 laps and the high jump. He did not win either event, finishing second in both, but he was permitted to compete as a non scoring athlete in the standing long jump and produced a leap of 2.62 metres, which would have been good enough to win.

That jump also earned him a trip, with Glan there to help, to the UK Sportshall Finals as a wild card entry – and the icing on the cake was a win with a best distance of 2.69 metres, a new Welsh under-13 sportshall best.

This year, the Welsh Sportshall Finals were held at Cwmbran right at the start of March and, with Glan again in charge, the boys' teams, which included a number of his Cowbridge pupils, gained unprecedented success, winning, for the first time, both the under-13 and under-15 boys' section, and providing the winner of the girls under-15 all-rounder, year-9 Claire Taylor (Radyr).

The Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' Athletics Association owes a huge debt of gratitude to Glan for stepping forward to organise the team managers, the team officials and the team members to compete at the Aviva UK Sportshall Finals in early April – and the squad enjoyed undreamt of success at the most prestigious event that it can aspire to compete at.

At under-13, year-8 Tom Trotman just missed out on a gold medal in the high jump. He cleared the winning height of 1.63 metres but had to settle for silver on a poorer countback of performances.

There was better news at under-15. In a slightly shorter hall than Cwmbran, George Griffiths and year-10 team-mate Ellis-Wyn Benham (YG Glantaf) produced outstanding 2 lap performances at 20.9 seconds to share third place bronze medals.

George went on to improve his standing long jump from 2.69 to 2.82 metres, not enough to better the winning

leap of 2.96 metres set by Curtis Mitchell (Lancashire) but good enough to share second place with Seanie Henry of Donegal. That distance also equalled the Welsh best set by Chuka Enih Snell (West Glamorgan), one of the brightest young high jumpers produced by Wales, in 1999.

Those two events earned George a total of 190 points – 93 for the 2 laps and 97 for the standing long jump. The one minor blemish came in the shot event. An on the day best of 11.04 metres was only good enough for ninth place, and 84 points but it would have needed an improvement on his Welsh Sportshall performance of 11.52 metres to get a points boost. Something to work on for next winter!

A final points score of 274 earned the Cowbridge year-9 an undreamed of overall third place, the first of the scorers for a team, with two individuals figuring ahead of him. For good measure he gained revenge over year-10 Connor Lavery (North West Wales).

If anyone thought that there could be no further medals, they were wrong. The 4 x 2 lap relay squad, which included George, Elis and Aymen Abdullah (Cardiff High) qualified from their heat with the slowest of the six finalists, 84.84 seconds, but upped their performance in the final to clock 83.80 seconds, finishing second just 0.5 of a second behind Birmingham.

Lastly, there were the final scores. The best ever local performance was that South Wales under-13 boys' team in 2003. They finished fifth. This year's Cardiff & the Vale under-13s could not match that – they finished ninth – but the under-15s did. Their total of 1,105 placed them third behind the winners, Birmingham (1,214), and Hampshire (1,138).

Thank you, Glan. If the rumour that you plan to retire at the end of the summer term is true, we are delighted that (possibly) your final sportshall outing was such a wonderful experience! You have just made a huge personal contribution to the most successful month in the history of the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools Athletics Association's history. Mind you, there is still the summer season to come – and who knows what will happen then?

SEE PAGE 28 FOR FULL RESULTS.

100 years of bowling for Barry Athletic



AS was reported recently in The GEM, Barry Athletic Bowling Club is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

The members gathered for the first bowling of year on April 16, when these photographs (by Paul Jones) were taken.

Members were looking forward to the season's curtain-raiser, which was against St Fagan's – the club's first opponents 100 years ago.

The club also creates a unique record this season by appointing a brother and sister as 2011 team captains.

Robert and Bethan Horgan, both Welsh internationals, will lead the club on the domestic front.

Sprightly octogenarian club chairman, Alf Pidduck, believes the future of his club is bright judging by new youngsters showing exciting form at local and county level.

Centenary celebrations will conclude with a dinner at the Masonic Hall, Barry, in September.

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PHOTOS
by Paul Jones
(More photographs can be viewed at www.valeevents.co.uk)

Vale schools get to grips with running and handling skills in a TAG tournament

A TAG rugby festival for schools in the Vale was held just before the end of term, hosted by Peterston-super-Ely.

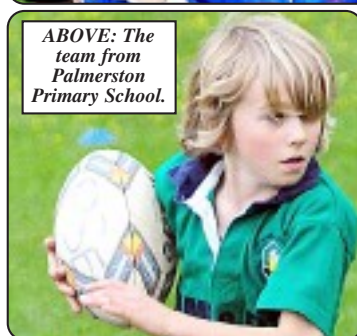
A total of 19 teams took part, with more than 200 boys and girls demonstrating their running and passing skills in a well organised and successful event.



ABOVE: The team from Lllancarfan Primary School.

ABOVE: The Oakfield School team.

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ABOVE: The team from Palmerston Primary School.



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Llandow Kart Club championship

(CONTINUED
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Although the Blue drivers crossed the line at the front of the field, Morgan Rose was the man to beat further

back, claiming victory in each of his four outings. Rob Ellis was second on three occasions, with Ben Hamlet taking the final podium place. Junior Blue shared its

heat wins among Ben Pearson, Will Goodhew and Sam Dible, but the latter was able to lead from lights to flag in the final, with Ben Sutton coming through to claim

second ahead of Pearson as Goodhew faded to fourth in class - and behind Minimax leader Rose at the flag.

Senior Honda numbers again hovered on

the fringe of double figures but, as in March, no-one could deny reigning champion Simon Evans a clean sweep.

Second place in the heats was shared between Gareth Lewis and Paul Saunders, but it was former heavyweight champion Hugh Jones who came through to again claim the position in the main event.

Saunders, Lewis and Chris Lipscomb all took turns in P2, but had to settle for fifth, fourth and third respectively at the flag.

Despite having to accept second place in heat one, Macaulay Austin proved the class of Junior Rotax, winning the remaining qualifying races and then leading from start to finish in the final.

James Johnson again won the first race of the day but, in a repeat of his March fortunes, dropped three places in one lap and could only manage fifth in the main event.

Josh Gray, who did not start the opening race, claimed a brace of second places, including the final, with Oliver Pidgley completing the podium ahead of Jordan Hawkins.

Reigning Junior champion Josh Collings was unable to replicate Austin's performance in Senior Rotax, despite having been the man to beat in each of the opening two rounds.

Things appeared to be going his way with victory in heat one, but Craig Mooney emerged as the day's hotshot, winning the remaining heats and then prevailing by 0.65secs as Collings returned to form in the final.

Barry Thomsit, Chris Davis, Mathew Dowers, Gareth Taylor and Scott Smart all enjoyed top three runs in the heats, but it was Davis who managed to return to the podium in the main event, with Taylor, Dowers and Smart sandwiching Sebastian Hutchinson in fourth, fifth and seventh respectively.

Wayne Stone returned to the front of the Max 177 class, winning two heats and the final, despite the best efforts of Simon Wheeler.

Senior Blue rounded out proceedings, with Chris Derrick claiming a clean sweep of heats and final. Duncan McLeod provided the closest opposition throughout the three earlier races, but succumbed to Ian Branfield in the final after the pair swapped places on several occasions.

Paul Johns almost got the better of McLeod on

the last lap, finishing just 0.14secs behind, with Mark Wyld fifth.

RESULTS:

BAMBINO

1. Max Fenlon (Birel)
2. Jackson Apps (Top Kart)
3. George Alp-Williams (CRG)

CADET HONDA

1. Ari White (Project One)
2. Myles Apps (Wright)
3. Ryan Edwards (Project One)

CADET COMER

1. Isaac Channing (Zip)
2. Lewis Griffiths (Zip)
3. Todd Kennedy

JUNIOR HONDA

1. Daniel Jones (MS)
2. Monty Gorridge (7Kart)
3. Danny Griffiths (MS)

JUNIOR TKM

1. George Thomson (Project One)
2. Jack Edinborough
3. Harry Kennedy (BRM)

MINI MAX

1. Morgan Rose (Tonykart)

2. Rob Ellis (Tonykart)
3. Ben Hamlet (Tonykart)

JUNIOR BLUE

1. Sam Dible (Alonso)
2. Ben Sutton (Intrepid)
3. Ben Pearson (Tonykart)

SENIOR HONDA

1. Simon Evans (7Kart)
2. Hugh Jones (MS)
3. Chris Lipscomb (Silver Fox Jade)

JUNIOR ROTAX

1. Macaulay Austin (Exprit)
2. Josh Gray (CRG)
3. Oliver Pidgley (Kosmic)

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1. Craig Mooney (CRG)
2. Josh Collings (CRG)
3. Chris Davis (Storm)

ROTAX 177

1. Wayne Stone (CRG)
2. Simon Wheeler (CRG)
3. Chris Derrick (Tonykart)

SENIOR BLUE

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Hornets take the sting out of the Scorpions

ROCHDALE Hornets moved up to third place in Co-operative Championship 1 after errors cost South Wales Scorpions with the final score at 40-18 at Spotlands.

However, the scoreline for the Scorpions was a big improvement from last season's play-off game, and with Jamie Murphy converting just one of the Scorpions' four tries, the score had more of a lopsided look to it.

Rochdale took the lead on five minutes, but Scorpions levelled things on 16 minutes with an

outstanding try from Andrew Gay. He picked up the ball at the halfway line and avoided four or five tackles on his run to scoring; Jamie Murphy converted.

Scorpions then fought for another equaliser after Rochdale's second try but Loz Wildbore and Semisi Cocker were both stopped short of the line.

Lee Williams also tried to intercept to run to the line but he mishandled. Rochdale extended their lead controversially and when Semisi Cocker was sinbinned they took advantage of the extra man. Rochdale extended their lead to 28-6, and following two successive penalties which enabled

Hornets to work their way up the length of the field, they scored again as Donoghue crashed over. Crook converted.

South Wales didn't give up the ghost and scored a try back on 65 minutes when a good run from Lee Williams set up Jamie Murphy in the corner.

The comeback continued when Ashley Bateman leapt on Andrew Gay's grubber, and Neil Dallimore snuck a further try in the opposite corner.

However, Rochdale sealed the win right on the hooter when Steve McDermott scored under the sticks with Crook converting.

IAN GOLDEN

AVIVA SPORTSHALL FINAL RESULTS

THE results from the Aviva UK Sportshall finals, held in Birmingham, are as follows;

Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' results: Under-15 Boys Team: 3rd (1,105).

3rd George Griffiths (Cowbridge) 274 (2 Laps - 20.9 (93); Shot - 11.04m (84); Standing Long Jump - 2.82m (97)); 16th Ellis-Wyn Benham (Glantaf) 237 (2 Laps - 20.9 (93); Speed Bounce - 75 (68); Standing Triple Jump - 7.64m (76)); 24th= Aymen Abdullah (Cardiff High) 227 (2 Laps - 21.0 (86); Shot - 9.67m (54); Standing Long Jump - 2.62m (87)); 49th Lewis Ronicle (Cardiff High) 167 (4 Laps - 47.5 (51); Shot - 10.09m (60); Standing Long Jump - 2.42m (56)); 52th= Nick Thomas (Cardiff High) 158 (4 Laps - 47.3 (59); Speed Bounce - 59 (34); Standing Triple Jump - 7.31 m (65)); 64th Harry Orbell (Cardiff High) 131 (4 Laps - 47.9 (40); Speed Bounce - 71 (51); Standing Triple Jump - 6.77m (40)); Non scoring: Ram Syarzd (Cowbridge) Shot 11.02m; 4 x 2 Laps relay - 2nd - 1:23.8 (80); 8 Lap Paarlaf - 8th - 1:34.81 (70).

Under-13 Boys

Team: 9th (841).

Tom Trotman (Cowbridge) 104 [2 Laps - 8th - 22.1 (46); High Jump -

2nd - 1.63m (58)); Ryan James (Radyr) 62 (2 Laps - 9th= - 22.0 (43); Standing Long Jump - 7th - 2.29m (48)); Kristian Jones (Cowbridge) 61 (4 Laps - 12th - 49.0 (38); Speed Bounce - 19th - 73 (23)); Daniel Rhydderech (Glantaf) 43 (4 Laps - 17th= - 50.9 (27); Standing Triple Jump - 24th - 5.50m (16)); Rian Thomas (Cowbridge) 76 (6 Laps - 12th - 1:19.4 (38); Standing Long Jump - 12th - 2.24m (38)); Ellis Rosser (Cowbridge) 80 (6 Laps - 7th - 1:17.0 (48); Vertical Jump - 15th - 49cm (32)); Bradley Bromfield (Michaelston) 34 (High Jump - 14th= - 1.35m (34)); Daniel Oddy (Cowbridge) 14 (Shot - 24th - 6.74m (14)); Nathan Robson (Cowbridge) 42 (Shot - 10th - 9.66m (42)); Ben Tanner (Stanwell) 18 (Standing Triple Jump - 5.51m - 23rd (18)); Matthew Leaman (Cardiff High) 23 (Speed Bounce - 19th=h - 73 (23)); Harrison Stevens (Cowbridge) 26 (Vertical Jump - 12th - 51 (38)); 4 x 1 Lap relay - 6th - 1:30.7 (90); 4 x 1 Lap relay - 11th= - 47.5 (35); Obstacle relay - 12th - 1:21.4 (30); 8 Lap Paarlaf - 9th - 1:39.0 (60).

Under-15 Girls:

Individual

26th Claire Taylor (Radyr) 218 [2 Laps - 23.69 (66); Shot - 8.16m (68); Standing Long Jump - 2.29m (84)).

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A club spokesman said: "Mared and Liam at the tender age of 10, and Stuart at 34, have become 1st degree black belts and role models for the club."

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ABOVE: The ladies helped to raise £900 in aid of the Street Pastors of Bridgend.

Charity day helps out street pastors

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It was a team event. First were Gill Parker, Bethan Parker and Eira Jones (Southerndown) with 95 points, while in second were J Barham, D Davies and L Bassett (Ashburnham) with 92 points.

There were three ladies who had a two – they were Norma Barber on the 10th, Delyth Williams on 7th, and Kay Phillips on the seventh.

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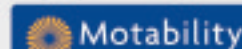
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Cowbridge mini and junior teams enjoy rugby festival

ALL roads led to Dorset for the weekend of April 16-17, where four age groups from Cowbridge RFC competed in the prestigious Bournemouth Rugby Festival.

The opening match against Camberley kicked off with the Cowbridge players determined to make a significant impact from the outset.

The final score was Cowbridge 20, Camberley 0.

The second match against Eastleigh saw several changes in the Cowbridge line-up.

With the try count achieving the maximum of six permitted in a game, the match was brought to an early conclusion at 30-0.

The third game was against Chelmsford who, to their credit, demonstrated their will power to compete against a Cowbridge team which was growing in confidence.

The final score was 25-0.

The final pool match was against a Marlow team who had been undefeated in their earlier games.

With the score at 15-



The Cowbridge minis lineup.

10 there were a few anxious minutes until elusive winger, Evan Williams, put the game safe for Cowbridge with his second try of the game; the final score was 20-10.

The semi-final against the tournament hosts, Bournemouth, was to provide a masterclass of the fast, open style of rugby that the coaches and players have worked hard to achieve and for which the team has become renowned.

The final score here was 25-5.

The final was contested against local rivals Porthcawl.

It was noticeable that as the day progressed, the players and spectators of rival teams were becoming increasingly impressed by the wizardry of the Welsh boys and the fast, open style of rugby that they demonstrated.

Porthcawl scored an early try but Cowbridge responded well.

However, a powerful Porthcawl movement resulted in them securing a second try and a final score of 10-0.

Squad: Rhys Bradshaw, Max Cunningham, Jac Davies, Rhys Davies, William Davies, James Guard, Morgan Gore, Bevan

Howells, Max Lucas, Ioan Lewis, Dan Marshall, Oliver Reynolds, Cameron Roy, Ellis Simon, Dan Taylor, Evan Williams, Rhydian Williams.

A special mention goes to Sam Corkhill, who has been outstanding throughout the season and, unfortunately due to an injury, was unable to take part in the tournament games.

However, thank you Sam for going to Bournemouth, cheering on your team-mates and a personal thanks from me.

All of the boys in the

squad made a valuable contribution during the Bournemouth tournament and their efforts helped to secure good victories against some well regarded English teams.

The performances should bode well for the Cowbridge squad's future, particularly when we consider how many other good rugby players were unable to journey to Bournemouth.

Congratulations boys, we are all very proud of you and the progress that you have made this season.

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Cowbridge under-12s are runners-up in Shield competition

ON the day prior to the Bournemouth tournament, Cowbridge met Ealing in an entertaining game played in excellent conditions.

Cowbridge outscored their opponents by three tries to one. Two tries from James Holder and one by Dan Bunney, all converted by Cai Evans, saw Cowbridge run out 21-7 winners over the London side.

In the Bournemouth tournament, Cowbridge won the first three games in their group, and were expected to reach the semi-finals of the cup after beating tournament favourites Sidmouth.

In their first game they easily defeated local team Eastleigh by six tries to nil, tries coming from James Holder (3) and one apiece for Dan Bunney, Seán Davies and Harrison Stevens.

In the second game, they defeated Chelmsford by one try to nil, scorer Dan Bunney.

In the third game against Sidmouth, the Cowbridge pack was in outstanding form despite giving away weight and height advantage.

The tries were scored by full-back James Holder and wing Seán

COWBRIDGE under-12s 21
EALING 7

Davies, but it was the Cowbridge forwards that really won this game, with Matthew Keating (Cowbridge player of the tournament) and Duncan Ace in devastating form.

It was bitterly disappointing to lose the fourth game by one try to nil against New Milton, spurning numerous try scoring chances near and even over their opponents' line.

After providing their performance of the season in the previous game, Cowbridge were unable to raise their game again. Unfortunately,

Cowbridge had to settle for a semi final place in the shield competition and not the cup.

In the semi-final, Cowbridge beat Spartans by two tries to one and were never in danger of losing the game; try scorers Dan Bunney and James Holder.

In the shield final, a tired Cowbridge team could not produce the form of the previous games, with many of the side looking exhausted in the hot conditions, losing narrowly by one try to nil.

MARK LEWIS

Farmer Phil's Hereford winner

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY farmer Phil Dando saw his six-year-old mare Countess Susy make all the running under Tom David to win the opening maiden hurdle at Hereford last Wednesday.

Mr Dando said: "She must be ridden from the front and Tom followed my instructions and rode a good race."

Countess Susy was backed from 9-2 to 7-2 and Mr Dando admitted having a gamble on the mare.

Llancafan's Evan Williams had a double at Plumpton on Sunday with Laya Lamp and Alla Svelta, both ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney.

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GEM sport



Cowbridge school's cricket centre of excellence opened

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School is set to become a centre of local cricketing excellence following the official opening of its sports hall on April 12 - turn to page 4 for report and pictures.

Never-say-die Cowbridge grab win over Ferndale

COWBRIDGE entertained Ferndale at the Athletic Field last Saturday and in another nerve shredding encounter, managed a win with virtually the last kick of the match.

On a beautifully sunny afternoon, more suited to cricket than rugby, Cowbridge were slow to respond to two well struck penalties from an almost identical position by Ferndale's outside-half, but, 15 minutes in, a penalty for offside reduced the deficit.

At the midpoint a sec-

ond Cowbridge penalty, for holding on, went just wide. Minutes later, a third penalty widened the score.

Ferndale attacked down the right wing, putting the winger clear for a converted try, followed shortly after by a second try that came through numerous hands for their

prop to crash over on the left hand side of the field.

Things looked grim at 3-21. The front row of Jon Phillips, Rhys Price and David Popham were more than matching their opponents and the back row was covering the ground, but the error margin at that point was far too high.

Cowbridge responded brilliantly with a quick tap penalty in the 22 and a great run down the right by winger Ian Overton. He was caught and a scrum was ordered, from which the ball moved in field.

Overton, off his wing, made the extra man to put centre Rhys Llewellyn through a gap to score under the posts for a converted try.

Full-back Tom Larkin had to leave the field with a recurrence of his thigh injury with Russ Watkins coming on. Another brilliant run out of defence saw magical interplay between Overton and Llewellyn to bring play into Ferndale's 22. Then, just before half-time, yet another run from deep saw Overton sprinting up the right wing. When he was checked, he held the ball to pop it to flanker Zac McPherson sprinting in support, who burst through to the line.

The difficult conversion was put over by Dewi Edwards at outside-half to bring the scores back to 17-21.

There was a great sight at half-time as club captain Luke Adams put his terrible injury problems behind him, for a while at least, as he replaced Rhys Price at

hooker.

Fifteen minutes in, Damien Cottle replaced Russ Watkins on the wing, and he went on to have several excellent runs.

Then, on 30 minutes, a scrum 25 metres out, and quick delivery by scrum-half Tom Hanks to Edwards, allowed him to go under the posts for a converted try.

For the first time in the match Cowbridge were ahead, but it wasn't over as the game went into prolonged extra time.

From a clearing kick, Ferndale ran back and worked their right winger clear to cross for a well deserved second try. Luckily, the conversion went wide.

Minutes passed and then another piece of brilliance from Edwards. At 35 metres out he dropped a goal that put Cowbridge back in front. There was only time for a restart before the whistle went.

Final score 27-26; a great team effort.

We are still in a dangerous position at the bottom of the table as Dinas Powys, Old Pens and Cilfynydd also secured wins.

This Saturday we take on Old Illydians; please check with the club about kick-off time.

There will also be the club's presentation night from 6pm.

The final game sees Cowbridge returning to Ferndale where a warm reception can be guaranteed. Your support would be much appreciated.

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Competitors feel the heat at the Llandow Kart Club

ROUND three of Llandow Kart Club's 2011 championship welcomed 115 drivers with another weekend of warm sunshine, matched only by the heat of competition on track.

Swelled by the visit of NKRA runners in several classes, plus the addition of Junior and Senior Blue, there were notably large grids in Honda Cadet, which boasted a weekend high of 25 drivers, and Senior Max, which returned to the sort of field seen throughout 2010, with 18 drivers.

The Bambino class opened proceedings with five drivers, but again Max Fenlon was the one to beat, posting the fastest lap on each of the four outings, including a best of 27.94secs. George Alp-Williams and Jackson Apps provided the closest opposition, although Alex Austin and Marco Costanza gave good accounts of themselves.

The well-populated Honda Cadets looked set to be dominated by the impressive Myles Apps, who claimed victory in each of the three heats regardless of where he started.

However, the Buckmore Park KC regular found himself in the midst of a three-way battle in the final, with both Ari White and Ryan Edwards each taking turns at the front of the field.

In the end, despite Apps setting the fastest lap of the race, it was

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ABOVE: Action from round 3 of the kart championships held at Llandow.

White who came out on top by 0.18secs, with Edwards completing the podium. Another visitor, Kuninori Ishii, was fourth, ahead of March class winner Brandon Patrick.

Comer Cadet also enjoyed a bigger than usual grid, with 11 drivers on track, but, like its Honda cousin, appeared to be going the way of only one, as Lewis Griffiths claimed every heat.

Like Apps, however, he was to be denied a clean sweep, as Izaak Channing stole through on the last lap of the day to take top spot in the final by 0.32secs.

Todd Kennedy completed the podium, while expected frontrunner Louis Griffith-Walker failed to start either heat three or the main event.

The first clean sweep of the weekend was again the preserve of Daniel Jones in Junior Honda. Having dominated the March meeting, Jones took control of a small field to win comfortably each time, with Monty Gorridge again proving best of the rest, taking second in three of

the four races, including the final. Danny Griffiths completed the podium.

Junior TKM received a welcome boost in numbers, with 13 karts enough to warrant an end to the recent grid-share with Minimax.

The field also proved closely matched, with four different winners. Tom Hackett, Scott Morris and Jack Edinborough all triumphed in the heats, but each had to give best to George Thomson in the main event.

Morris led the opening three laps but retired, while Hackett crossed the line first, only to be excluded. That handed Thomson the victory, with Edinborough and Harry Kennedy rounding out the top three ahead of an off-colour Ross Chell, with Yousuf Ashraf sixth behind James Chubb.

With numbers still lacking, Minimax found itself paired with the visiting Junior Blue class, and was another to see a dominant performance at the front.

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COWBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB NEWS

'Friendly' form bodes well for new season

COWBRIDGE Bowling Club continued its pre-season preparation for the busy summer season with four friendly games last week.

The first of these was a ladies match against Tridwr Club from Caerphilly, who were making their first visit to Cowbridge.

Tridwr were outnumbered numerically and were comfortably beaten on all three rinks.

The rink scores were: Pat Davey's team 22-7; May Jones' team 13-7 and Joan Bradley's team 23-6.

The Penarth Rectory Road Club were the visitors for the second game of the week.

Throughout the winter months, Cowbridge ladies, gents and combined teams have enjoyed playing indoor short mat bowls at the Penarth Rectory Bowls Club.

A mixed Cowbridge team was pleased to welcome the Rectory Club for a game to return their hospitality.

All six rinks were occupied, with Cowbridge winning on five of them and the match by 120 shots to the visitors 93.

Rink scores: Pat Davey's team won 19-2; Joan Bradley's team won 25-21; May Jones' team lost 11-25; Brian Kent's team won 17-15; Norman Wilkinson's team won 21-12 and

Dennis Snelling's team won 27-8.

The following day another Penarth club (Penarth Windsor) were the visitors in a three rink ladies match.

This went Cowbridge's way with all three Cowbridge rinks winning.

Rink scores: May Jones' team 16-4; Joan Bradley's team 17-7 and Joy Woolford's team 13-11.

Last Saturday, the men's team played its first game of the season on grass against the Rhiwbina Bowls Club.

Their opponents were the Rhiwbina second team, but Cowbridge came away in second place having lost on all four rinks and the match by 32 shots.

Dennis Snelling's rink went into a good lead and looked likely winners but lost by one shot.

David Jones' team also provided good competition but lost by three shots.

Rink scores: Dennis Snelling's team 15-16; David Jones' team 16-19; Byron Richards' team, 7-20 and Roger Barwick's team 11-26.

At the reception after the game, captain Dennis Snelling explained in his speech that Cowbridge were "on a learning curve" with regard to their grass game.

This will truly be put to the test this Saturday, when Cowbridge play top team Ferndale, away, on grass.

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